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It's like a whirlwind. Please let me learn more about him.
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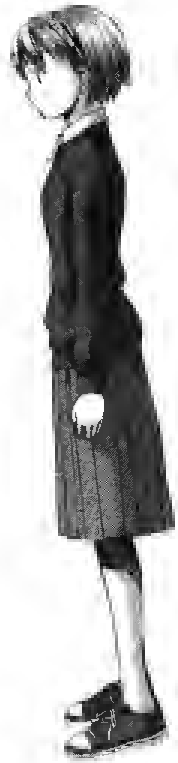

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I know your mother died, too...
There was an accident... someone died...It was your mother's fault.
Tomi-naga-kun...
TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOUR MOTHER
IT'S BEEN A YEAR SINCE SHE DIED.
I still ...
...know nothing about you...
Tomi-naga-kun--

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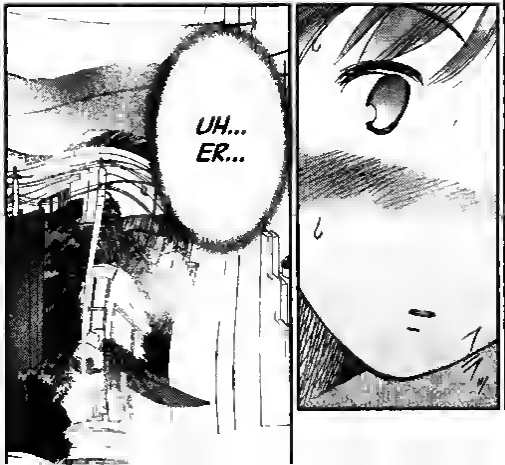

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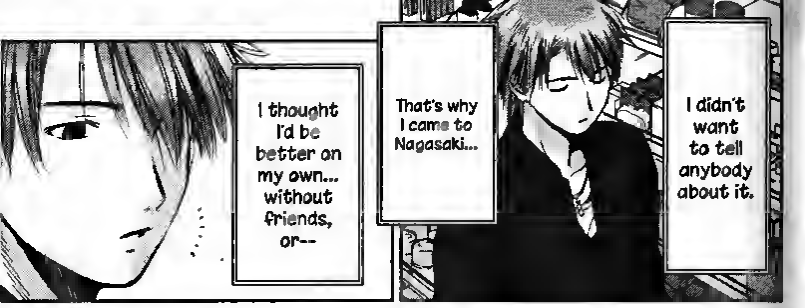
I thought I'd be better on my own... without friends, or--
That's why I came to Nagasaki...
I didn't want to tell anybody about it.

My...
...whole body hurts--

WHAT THE HE JUST ALWAYS COMES OUT OF NOWHERE!!!
.....
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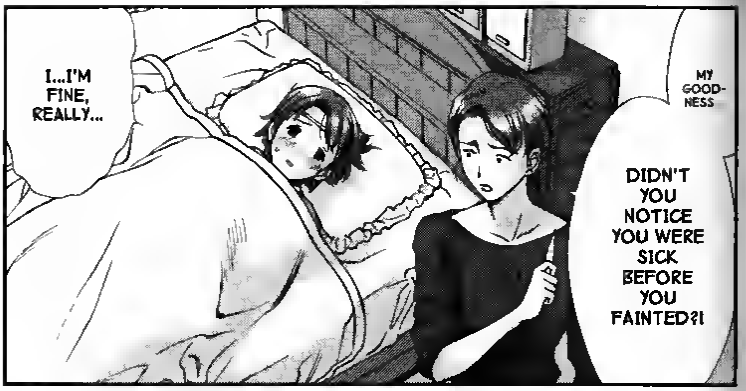
Why did I even talk about it?
...to anyone.
About my mom...

Good for nothing magic user...
But...
That clumsy crybaby--
Nami Matsuo--

SHE DIED LAST YEAR...
So why...

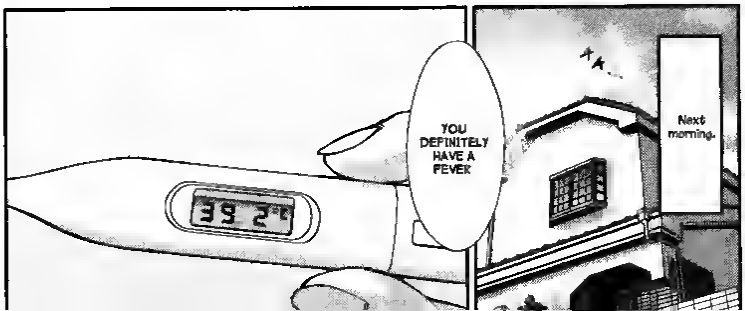

I...I'M FINE, REALLY...
MY GOOD-NESS
DIDN'T YOU NOTICE YOU WERE SICK BEFORE YOU FAINTED?!

I WANT TO SEE TOMINAGA-KUN.
B-BUT...
UWAA...

..I HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL.
DON'T BE SILLY! DO YOU WANT TO GET PNEUMONIA?!

HUH?
SIS IS DOWN WITH A NASTY COLD...
But I have to go--
YOU NEED TO REST. I DON'T WANT YOU GETTING ANYONE ELSE SICK!

...tell her those things?
Why did I...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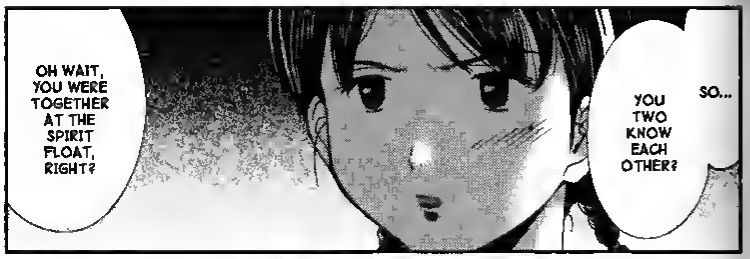
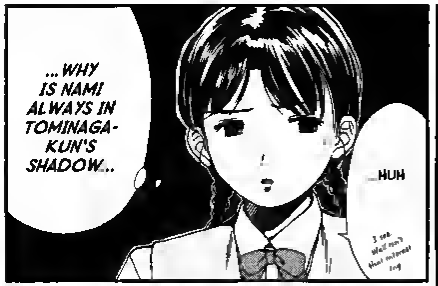
YOU DEFINITELY HAVE A FEVER
AA...
Next morning.


OH WAIT, YOU WERE TOGETHER AT THE SPIRIT FLOAT, RIGHT?
SO... YOU TWO KNOW EACH OTHER?


...WHY IS NAMI ALWAYS IN TOMINAGA-KUN'S SHADOW...
...HUH

...IS HE TRYING TO TALK COOL ABOUT BIKES?
AH... ER... WE SHARE SIMILAR INTERESTS.
.....

OH, YEAH... THIS IS NOTHING!
YOU SHOULD REALLY KEEP THAT LEG COVERED.

.....

GOOO, GOOD ♡ GLAD TO HEAR IT!
!
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WHAT?
NAMI HAS A COLD?! POOR THING.

I SEE..
HEH HEH HEH! THANKS TO SIS I GET TO TALK TO CHIKA-SAN.
YEAH. SHE EVEN WENT TO THE DOCTOR. HE THINKS SHE JUST NEEDS TO SLEEP IT OFF, BUT SHE HAD A PRETTY HIGH FEVER.

AH, RYU-SAN! UH... ER... WELL, SEE...MY SISTER'S...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
HIDE!
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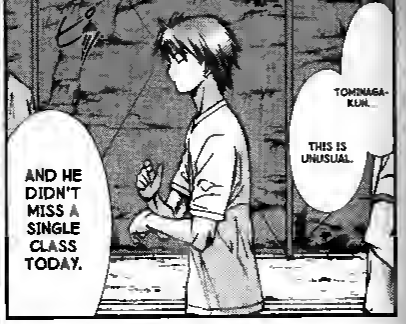
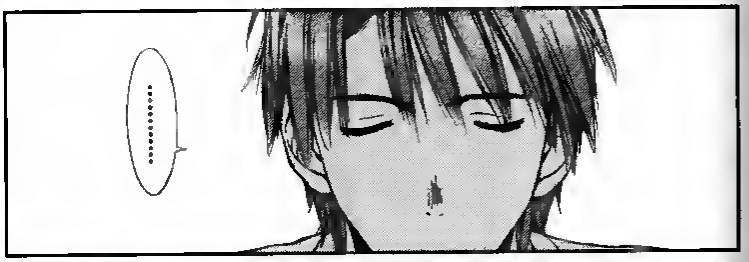
SORRY, I DIDN'T MEAN TO BOTHER YOU--
OKAY, WELL... I'LL GET HER MY NOTES AFTER SCHOOL.


TOMINAGA-KUN...
THIS IS UNUSUAL.
AND HE DIDN'T MISS A SINGLE CLASS TODAY.

LOOK AT THAT... PAIRED UP WITH MR. NO-SHOW HIMSELF.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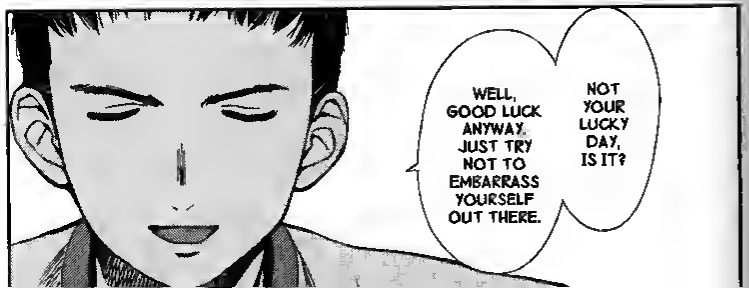
WELL, GOOD LUCK ANYWAY. JUST TRY NOT TO EMBARRASS YOURSELF OUT THERE.
NOT YOUR LUCKY DAY, IS IT?

..TOMINAGA SHOWING UP REALLY CRAMPS MY STYLE.
SO, YOU'RE NOT GONNA SAY HI TO NAMI'S LITTLE BRO AND HIS FUTURE BROTHER-IN-LAW?

.....

TOMINAGA HAS BEEN COMING TO SCHOOL A LOT MORE LATELY...

MITSUAKI-CHAN'S THE FASTEST, SO HE'LL BE THE RELAY ANCHOR FOR SURE.
I WONDER WHO THEY'LL PICK FOR THE ATHLETICS FESTIVAL IT'S ONLY TWO WEEKS AWAY!
WAIT A SEC.. IS THAT

HUH..
THE MEN'S 400M TIME TRIALS...

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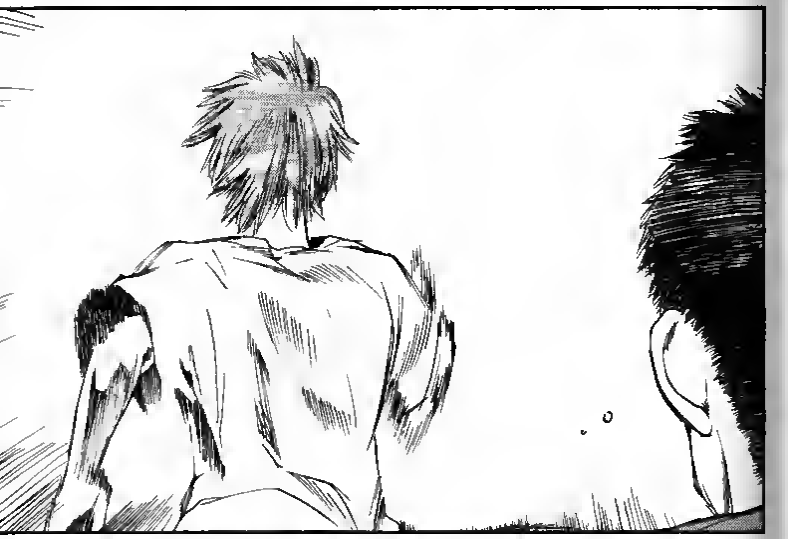


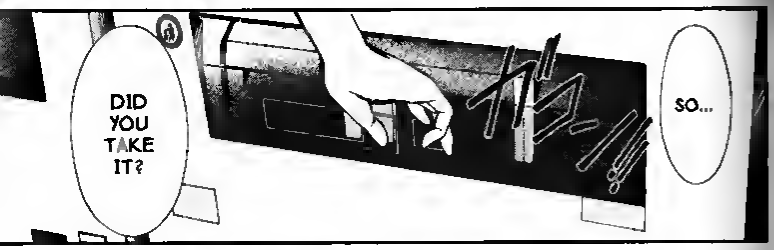
P-PASTI!!
TOMINAGA-KUN S...

ON YOUR MARKS... GET SET...

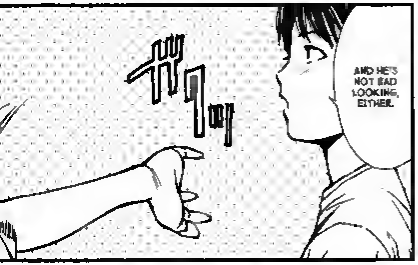
TWEET!!

HUH--
WHOA!!!
DAMN, IS HE FAST!
HE BEAT MITSUAKI!!
...IN A LONG RACE ..
NO WAY YOU'D BEAT ME!
YOU
PANT
PANT
PANT
...GOT ME PRETTY GOOD
BUT
PANT
TWEEET
Blank stare
HE BEAT MITSUAKI...
MAYBE NOT.
...WOW! THAT'S THE BEST TIME YET!!!
SEIKO
SOLAR

AND ANYWAY... SHOULDN'T SOMETHING ELSE COME FIRST?!
UH--
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS NOW?
YOU CAN BRIBE ME LATER!
LIKE MAYBE AN APOLOGY? NO REALLY, GO AHEAD. ANY TIME!
HUH...
I JUST DON'T GET YOU...
...I'M SORRY... MY BAD.
Whatever!
J-JOB?!
HEY, I EARNED THAT FROM MY JOB. IT WASN'T GIVEN TO ME!
ARE YOU TALKING TO ME?
HUH?
GOT A MINUTE?
HAYA SHIDA!
HUH?
FILM?
A LITTLE PAY BACK... YOU SHOULD BUY SOME FILM WITH IT.
WHAT'S THIS?


DID YOU TAKE IT?
SO...

RYU-TARO TOMI-NAGA...
HE'S SUPER FAST...AND HE LIKES TO SOLVE THINGS WITH MONEY. MAYBE HE DOES HAVE SOME REDEEMING QUALITIES.


AND HE'S NOT BAD LOOKING, EITHER.

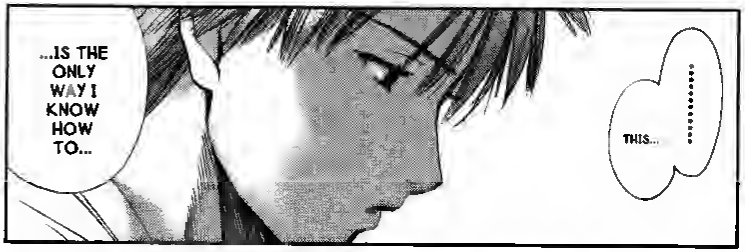
I GAVE IT BACK WITH A BIG "NO THANKS."
OF COURSE NOT! DON'T BE RIDICULOUS!
HMM...

SO... WHAT KIND OF GUYS DO YOU LIKE THEN--

NAH, I'M NO GOOD WITH THE STRONG, SILENT TYPES.
R-RIEKO, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? IS THAT THE KIND OF GUY YOU LIKE?!

I'M NOT TAKING YOUR MONEY!
YOU CAN'T BUY SOMEONE OFF INSTEAD OF APOLOGIZING.

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOKOHAMA, BUT THEY'RE SUPER-STRICT HERE!
BUT... THAT'S AGAINST SCHOOL RULES!

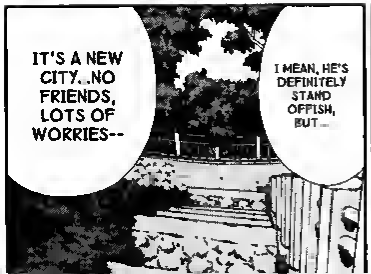

...IS THE ONLY WAY I KNOW HOW TO...
THIS...

WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?

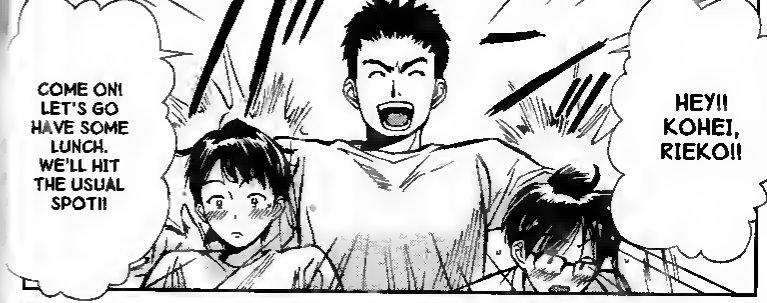
WHAT?
HERE... JUST TAKE IT.

WHAT WERE YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT?
HUH? AH... ER... ...ABOUT TOMINAGA.
...AH.

I'M THINKING THAT...
HIS TRANSFERRING HERE OUT OF NOWHERE...
...MEANS MAYBE SOMETHING HAPPENED HE ISN'T TELLING US ABOUT...
EH?


IT'S A NEW CITY...NO FRIENDS, LOTS OF WORRIES--
I MEAN, HE'S DEFINITELY STAND OFFISH, BUT...

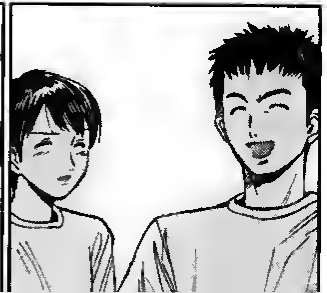
WHAT IT FEELS LIKE.
THAT'S JUST..

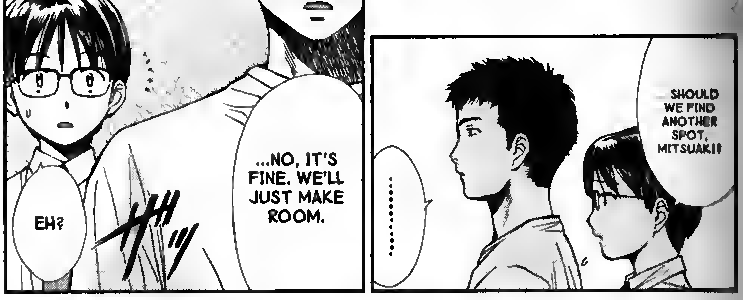

COME ON! LET'S GO HAVE SOME LUNCH. WE'LL HIT THE USUAL SPOT!!
HEY!! KOHEI, RIEKO!!

WHAT'S MITSUAKI SO EXCITED ABOUT?

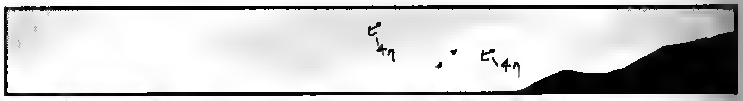
WE BETTER HURRY. LUNCH BREAK'S ALMOST OVER!
HUH? UH, MITSUAKI...
SHEESH!

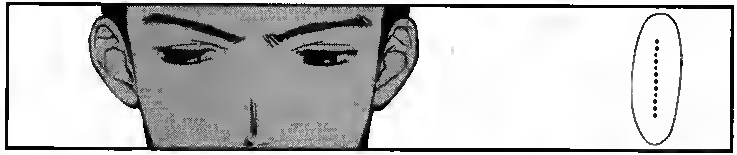
YOU'RE NOT...
RIEKO.




EH?
...NO, IT'S FINE. WE'LL JUST MAKE ROOM.
SHOULD WE FIND ANOTHER SPOT, MITSUAKI?
.....

I DON'T KNOW. MAYBE THAT'S WHY HE'S SO DISTANT AND READY TO FIGHT WITH US...
MAYBE WE'RE THE ONES BEING TOO COLD...

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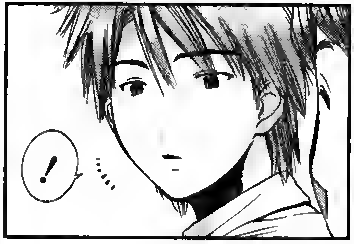
MITSUAKI, IT'S TOO CROWDED! COME ON.
IT IS A BIT... TIGHT.
YEAH, ALL RIGHT.
WHY ARE THEY..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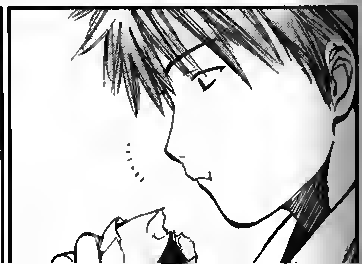
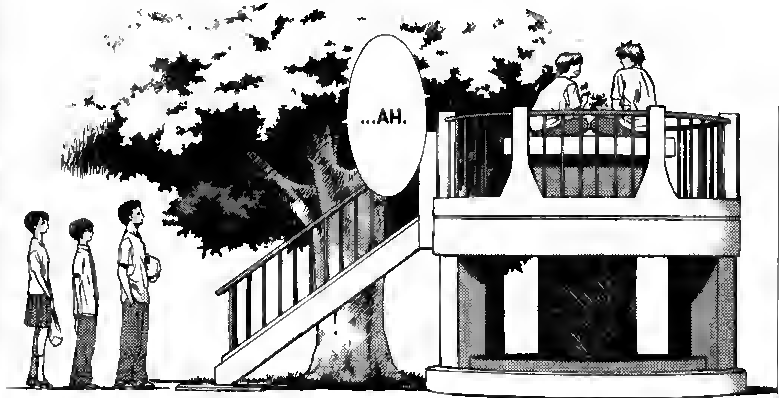
SLALOM, HUH..

EH?
NAGASAKI KAKUNIMAN HUH
HEY THAT'S PRETTY GOOD




...AH.

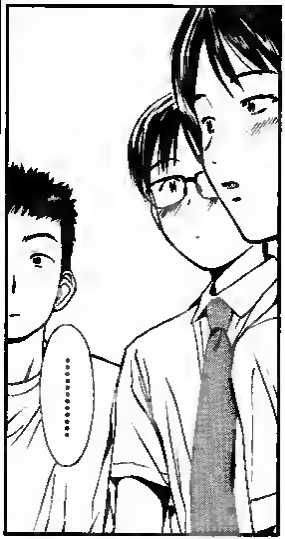
.....!
Uh...
SERIOUSLY. STOP FOOLING AROUND AND COME TO SCHOOL ONCE IN A WHILE!
BUT DON'T YOU DARE BEAT ME ANYMORE, ALL RIGHT?!

I DON'T ACTUALLY...
HAVE MUCH TIME ANYWAY 'CAUSE OF MY JOB...
.....

ALL THE TIME YOU MISS SCHOOL IS 'CAUSE YOU'RE WORKING?
YOU MEAN THAT--

JOB?!
EH!!

Y-YEAH. WE SHOULD SHOW YOU AROUND.
YEAH, IT'S NOT BAD, IS IT? NAGASAKI'S GOT LOTS OF TASTY FOOD!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HEY, KIEKO, DON'T DUMP ON HIM...
BUT YOU DON'T COME TO SCHOOL MUCH... RIGHT, MITSUAKI?

M-MITSUAKI!
Don't talk like that!

.....

SO, LET ME ASK YOU...YOU WERE IN TRACK AND FIELD, RIGHT?
I MEAN COME ON, AS A FELLOW SPORTSMAN, SHOW A LITTLE SHAME FOR WHAT YOU DID OUT THERE.
YEAH, JUST A REAL DELINQUENT.

THAT LAME MAGIC USER CAN'T EVEN CURE HER OWN COLD.

NOW I'LL DO ENGLISH.
OKAY, WORLD HISTORY IS DONE.

ARE YOU TAKING NOTES FOR NAMI DURING YOUR LUNCH BREAK?

.....
REALLY? SO I GUESS YOU DON'T KNOW, HUH?

WHY ARE YOU SUCH GOOD FRIENDS WITH HER ANYWAY?
IT'S BETTER THAN BEING FRIENDS WITH YOU.

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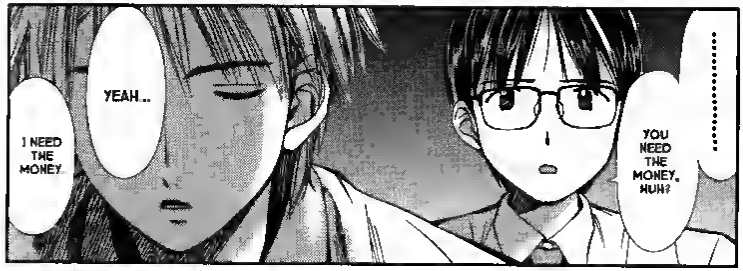
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YOU NEED THE MONEY, HUH?
YEAH...
I NEED THE MONEY.

IT WAS GOOD.

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UM...
THANKS FOR LUNCH.

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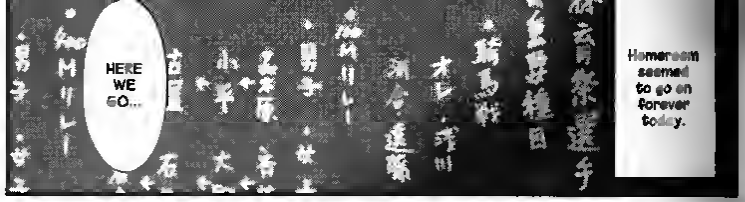
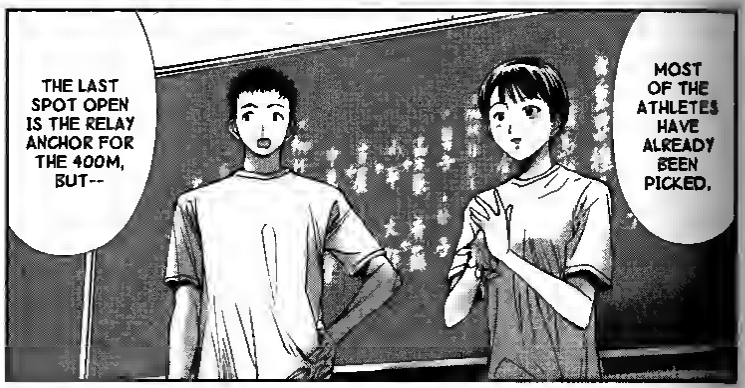
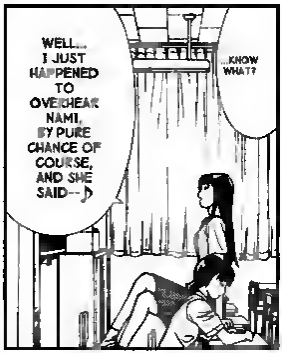

Homeroom seemed to go on forever today.
HERE WE GO...


MOST OF THE ATHLETES HAVE ALREADY BEEN PICKED.
THE LAST SPOT OPEN IS THE RELAY ANCHOR FOR THE 400M, BUT--

"CHIKA'S SO ANNOYING, ALWAYS PLAYING MOTHER HEN."


...KNOW WHAT?
WELL... I JUST HAPPENED TO OVERHEAR NAMI, BY PURE CHANCE OF COURSE, AND SHE SAID--♪

WHY DON'T YOU GO ASK HER YOURSELF?
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT SHE'S BEEN SAYING ABOUT YOU.
WHAT?! THERE'S NO WAY NAMI WOULD SAY THAT!

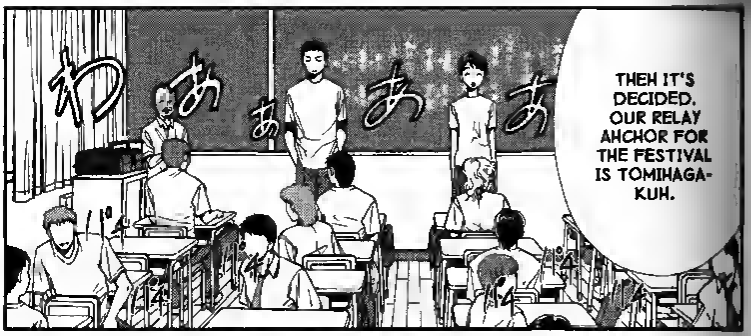
--EH... ME...?
HE DOESN'T HAVE A PROBLEM. DO YOU?

Whoosh

ALL THE REST ARE TAKEN.
YOU'VE GOT NO PROBLEM WITH THAT, RIGHT, TOMINAGA?!

SO WHAT SHOULD I DO NEXT...
TEASING CHIKA WAS MORE FUN THAN I EXPECTED. ♡

SHUT UP!!!
NAMI LOOKS REAL INNOCENT, BUT SHE'S A LITTLE MANIPULATOR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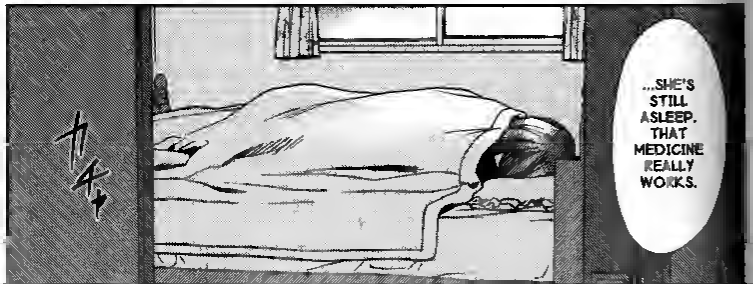
THEN IT'S DECIDED. OUR RELAY ANCHOR FOR THE FESTIVAL IS TOMIHAGA-KUN.

HEH HEH...
NOW THIS IS GETTING INTERESTING

That's not even everything...
But...

All these things happened at school while I was sick.
I can't believe it...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...SHE'S STILL ASLEEP. THAT MEDICINE REALLY WORKS.

AND I ONLY WANT THE BEST FOR MY CLASS.

I MEAN, SHOULDN'T OUR LAST ATHLETICS FESTIVAL BE THE BEST?
Yes, yes

'CAUSE I REALLY WANT TO SEE YOU RUN...

YOU RUN YOUR BEST FOR THE CLASS! DO IT FOR US!
I SAY TOMIHAGA RYUTARO-KUN!!

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WELL IF THAT'S WHAT EVERYBODY WANTS.
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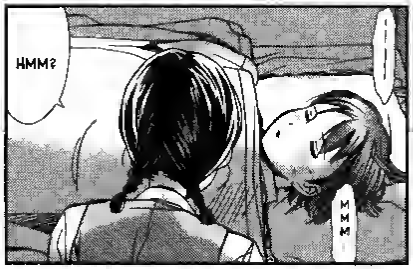
MMM...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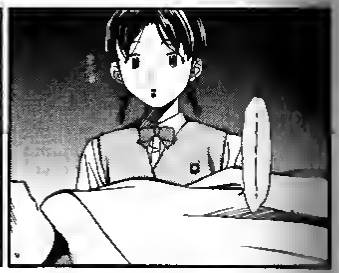
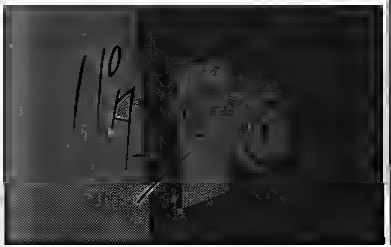
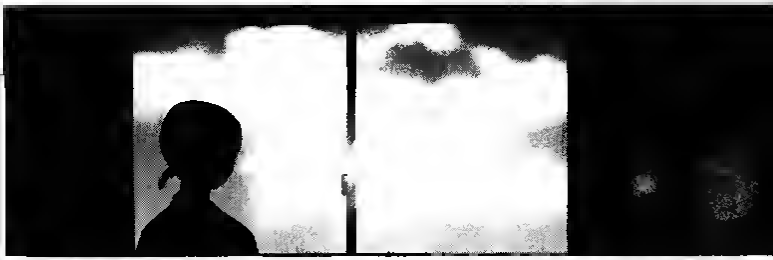


RYUUTARO...
KUN...

OH, THAT'S THE PHONE.
OH WELL, I'LL JUST LEAVE THE NOTES--

WOULD YOU EXCUSE ME FOR A MINUTE?
NO PROBLEM.





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Nami... Na...
Did she just...

What is she...?
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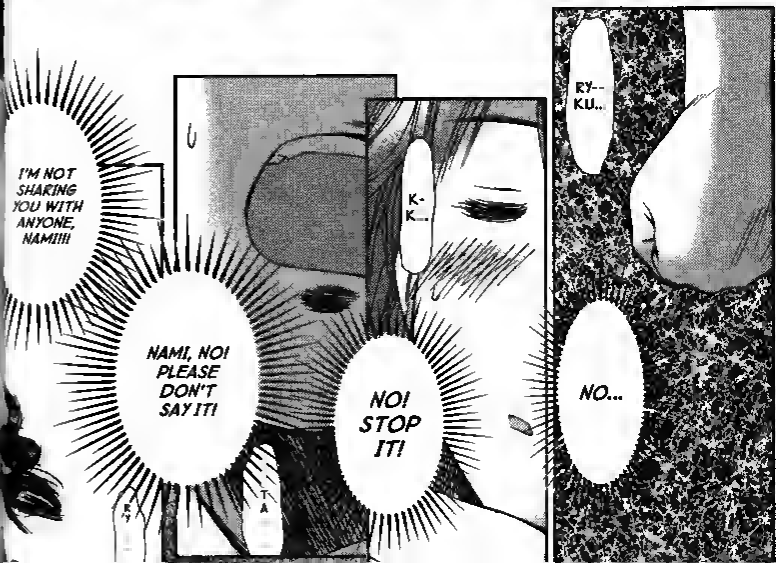
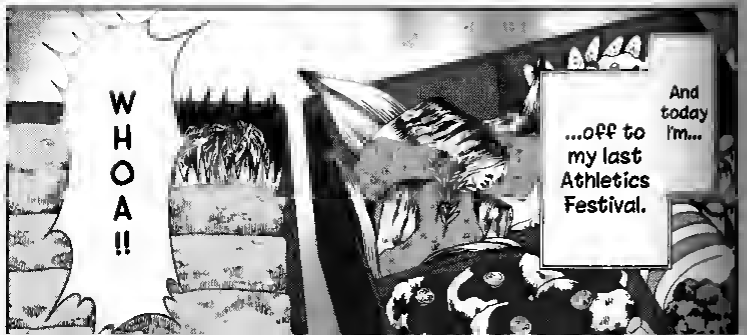
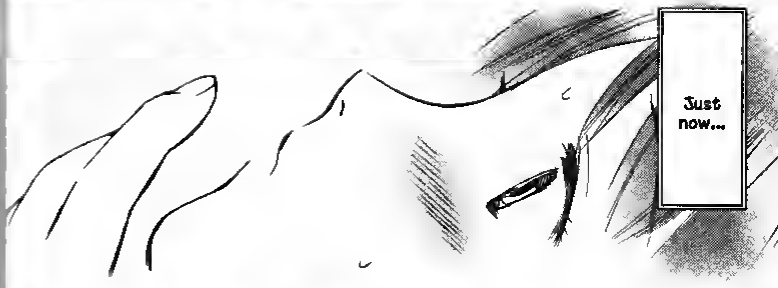
Oh, Nami, come on... that crazy transfer student?
YOU'RE NOT IN LOVE WITH HIM, ARE YOU?


I'M NOT SHARING YOU WITH ANYONE, NAMI!!!!
NAMI, NO! PLEASE DON'T SAY IT!
NO! STOP IT!
K-K...
RY--KU..
NO...

Step. 12 Final Athletics Festival

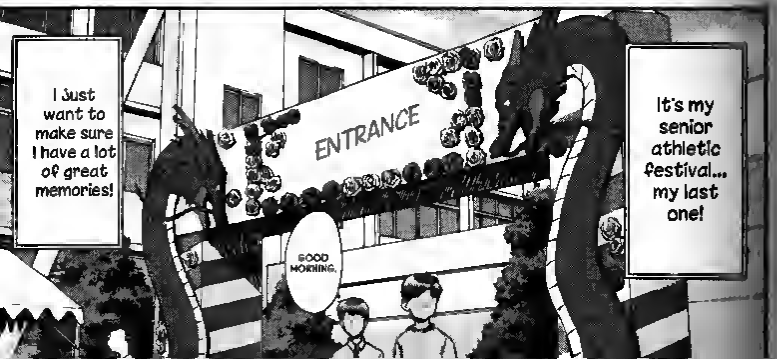




Step.11:End

HEY SIS, WHAT'S THIS DISH HERE...
HAMBURGERS, BOILED FISH IN TOFU...
HMM?
OH! FOR EVERYONE, HUH?

I got up early and made some nice lunches. ♪
UH... UH, OKAY!
JUST HELP ME WRAP UP ALL THE BENTO BOXES!
HIDEKI! STOP FOOLING AROUND!


I just want to make sure I have a lot of great memories!
ENTRANCE
GOOD MORNING.
It's my senior athletic festival... my last one!

YOU COOKED ALL OF THIS?!
YUP, THOUGHT I'D MAKE LUNCH FOR EVERYONE!

WE'RE COUNTIN' ON YA, RYU!
GO GET 'EM RYUTARO!!

HMM, THE OBSTACLE RACE IS AT 10--

RY-
GOOD LUCK, RYUTARO!!
Ryutaro?!

HE'S REALLY GOT THEIR HOPES UP--
COME ON, RYUTARO! WIN THAT RELAY DAMN IT!!
EH?
EH...!
BUT...SO ARE MINE!
GO FOR IT!

AAA--

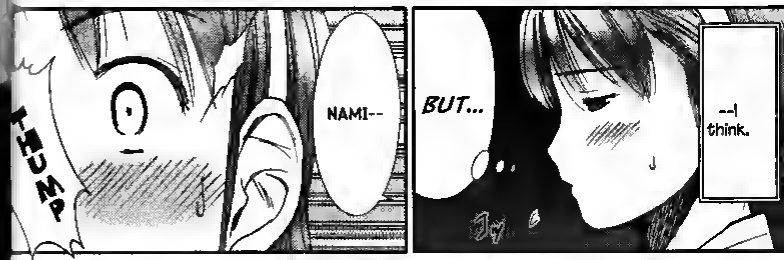
WHEN DID EVERYONE GET SO FRIENDLY WITH HIM?!
WHY ARE THEY...

WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED WHILE I WAS SICK?!
I DON'T EVEN CALL HIM "RYUTARO."

RYUTARO!!!

...NAMI?
LATER!
.....
IS SHE...
...AVOIDING ME?
IS THAT IT, OR...
...HAVE KNOWN ABOUT THE KISS, COULD SHE?
BUT W-WHYM
...SHE COULDN'T...
"CHIKA'S SO ANNOYING, ALWAYS PLAYING MOTHER HEN."

CALLING ALL FESTIVAL ATHLETES
sigh...
I really don't get any of this...
...but everyone being so friendly is good--

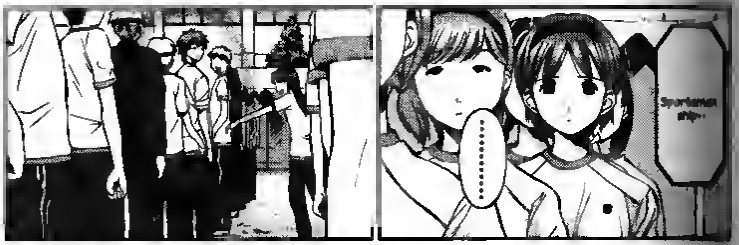

THUMP
NAMI--
BUT...
--I think.

STARTLE
!!!
YOU'RE JUST GETTING OVER A BAD COLD. I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU--
?
AH! I'M OKAY NOW... I'M FINE!!
SORRY, CHIKA... I..
...CH-CHIKA.. WHAT ARE YOU...
THUMP
THUMP
SHOULD YOU REALLY BE OUT?

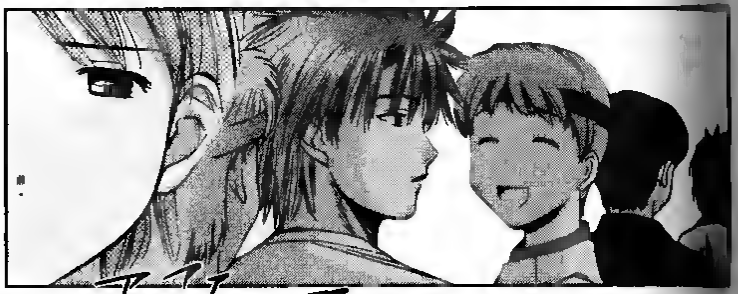
.....
I KNOW THAT, BUT.
NAMI DIDN'T DO ANYTHING
I'M A REAL BITCH SOMETIMES, AREN'T I...
SOMETIMES I JUST, I DON'T KNOW...
SO THE OOOS ARE 10-1.
WHY ARE YOU TURNING THIS INTO A CIRCUS? THIS ISN'T VEGAS
I DON'T KNOW IF I SHOULD.
PUT ME DOWN FOR 20!
MY CLASS IS GONNA MAKE THIS TOUGH. ♪
Right away.
OKAY, YOU! PUT UP THOSE POSTERS!
B-but...
That kiss...
I must've been dreaming. There's no way....
HEY RIEKO, I NEED TO TALK TO YOU...
AH...
SORRY
I GOTTA MEET WITH THE FIRST AID SQUAD.
NUH? I JUST NEED ONE SECOND--
CAN'T YOU SEE I'M BUSY? ASK SOMEONE ELSE!

ATTENTION ALL ATHLETES. IT IS NOW TIME FOR THE ATHLETIC OATH! WE THE PLAYERS PRESENT, IN THE SPIRIT OF--

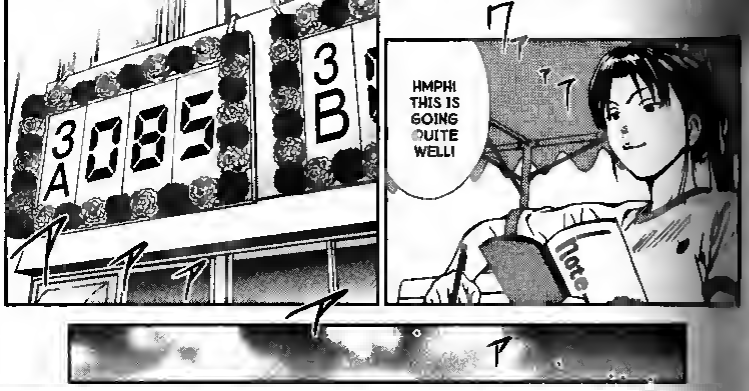
COME ON! BETTING ON THE FESTIVAL'S A NO-BRAINER
IT'S A HELL OF A LOT MORE INTERESTING THAN JUST WATCHING SOME DUMB KARATE OR WRESTLING OR WHATEVER!
JEEZ.
YOU ALWAYS FIND A WAY OF TWISTING THINGS IN YOUR FAVOR, DON'T YOU?


Sportsmen-ship--

YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT! 'CAUSE ALL THAT MATTERS...
IS ME. I DON'T CARE ABOUT ANYONE ELSE!
...I WISH I COULD THINK THAT WAY SOMETIMES



EH?
...NOTHING. JEEZ...
YOU'LL NEVER STOP BEING A WILD, CAREFREE THING NO MATTER WHAT!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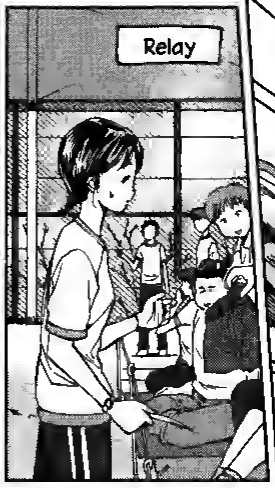
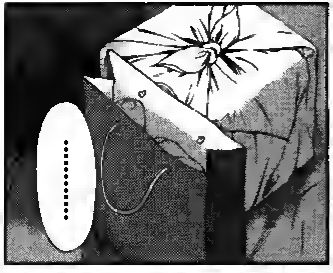
3B
HMPH! THIS IS GOING QUITE WELL!

Obstacle Race

Hurdles

Photo


Relay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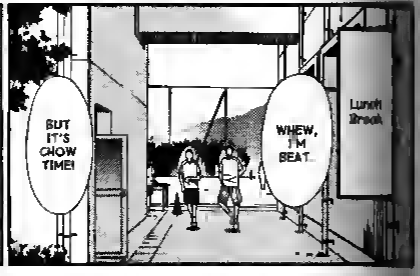
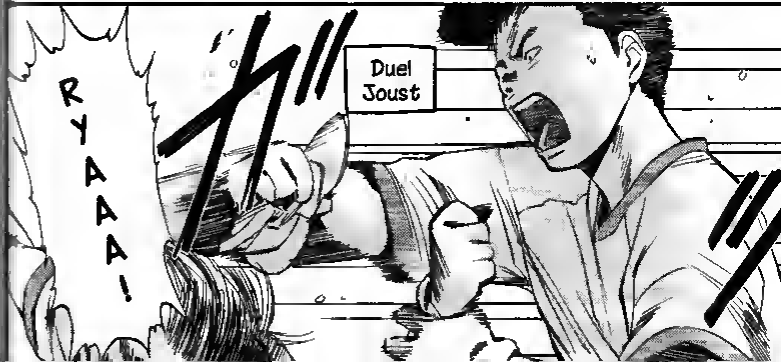

BUT IT'S SHOW TIME!
WHEW, I'M BEAT.
Lunch Break

ATTENTION, PLEASE...


Duel Joust
RYAAA!

YIPPIE!!!
WHOA
CHIKA'S FOOD IS AWESOME!! IS IT OKAY TO HAVE THIS?
YEAH, SURE... I MADE PLENTY.

HMM...?
WHEW~

キョロ
WHERE IS EVERYONE?
TOMINAGA-KUN'S...

THAT'S...

.....

HEY HIDE! WHAT DO YOU NEED ME HERE FOR?
IT...IT WOULD FEEL WEIRD IF IT WAS JUST THE TWO OF US!
AND CHIKA-SAN'S IN YOUR CLASS, RIGHT?
?

AGH! H-HIDE, WHAT?!
PLEASE! COME ON!
GOOD! OVER HERE! HERE, HERE!
AH! KYU-SAN!!!

.....
HID—

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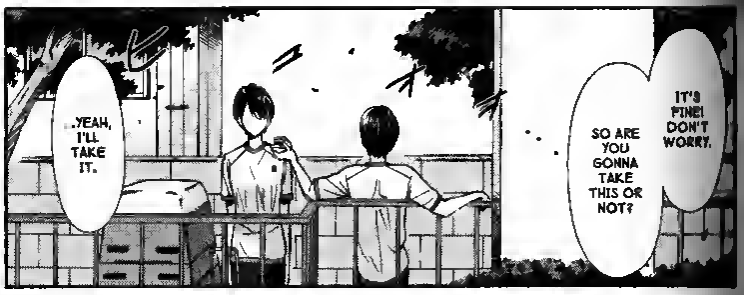
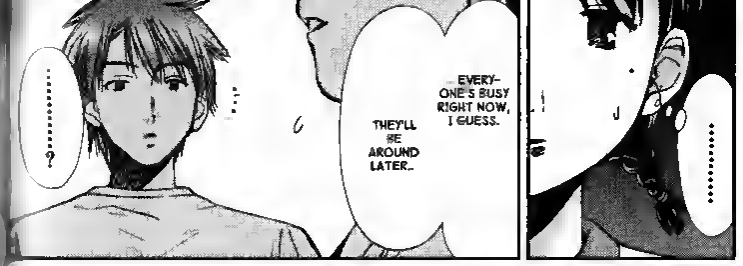
SO NO ONE ELSE IS COMING?

N-NO. NOT AT ALL!!!
Err...
IS SOMETHING WRONG?

EH... ACTUALLY...
WHAT ARE YOU--

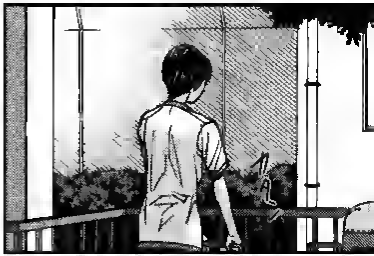

..YEAH, I'LL TAKE IT.
SO ARE YOU GONNA TAKE THIS OR NOT?
IT'S FINE! DON'T WORRY.


.....?
THEY'LL BE AROUND LATER..
...EVERY-ONE'S BUSY RIGHT NOW, I GUESS.
.....

BUT THEY'LL BE HERE--
UH...

ARE YOU ALL ALONE, NAMI?
Awesome!!
Y-YEAH... I GUESS EVERYONE'S BUSY.
SO LET'S START WITHOUT 'EM!

OH, OKAY... WELL THEN--
NOPE. NO TIME TO EAT.



DO YOU WANT TO GET SOME LUNCH?
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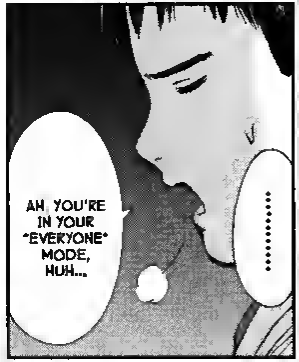
AH, YOU'RE IN YOUR "EVERYONE" MODE, HUH...
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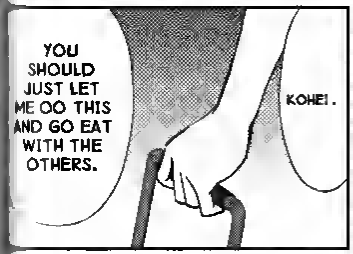
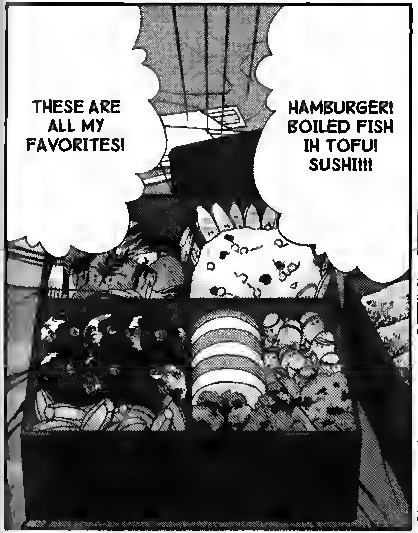

YOU SHOULD JUST LET ME DO THIS AND GO EAT WITH THE OTHERS.
KOHE!.

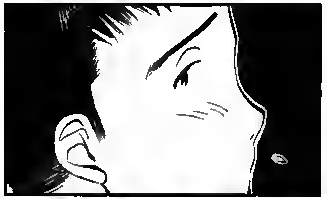
HERE.
YOU CAN AT LEAST EAT ONE-HANDED.
!

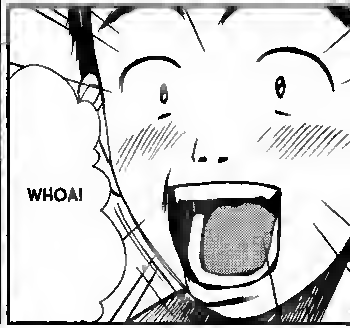
This is delicious!!!
THIS DAY...
WHAT IS WITH...

YOU KNOW WHAT, MITSUAKI-KUN! I MADE A TON OF FOOD, SO LET'S JUST EAT, OKAY!
NO, IT'S...I'M SORRY!
..AM I RIGHT?
YOU DON'T LIKE WHEN IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US, DO YOU?

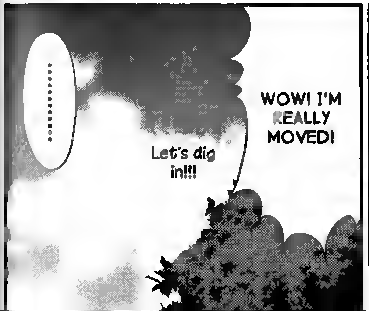
I JUST WANTED...
...TO HAVE FUN AT MY LAST FESTIVAL.
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
I JUST...
WITH TOMINAGA-KUN AND RIEKO, CHIKA, KOHEI-KUN...WITH EVERYONE--


THESE ARE ALL MY FAVORITES!
HAMBURGER! BOILED FISH IH TOFU! SUSHI!!!!




WHOA!

The Athletics Festival, later that afternoon.
..I WANTED...
THAT'S ALL...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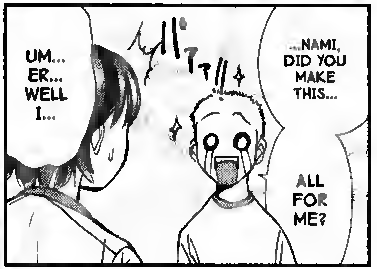
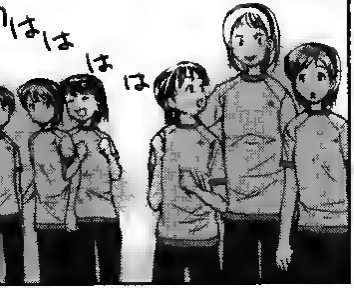
Let's dig in!!!
WOW! I'M REALLY MOVED!


UM... ER... WELL I...
...NAMI, DID YOU MAKE THIS...
ALL FOR ME?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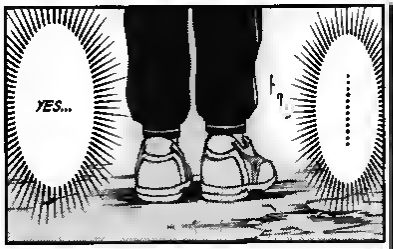
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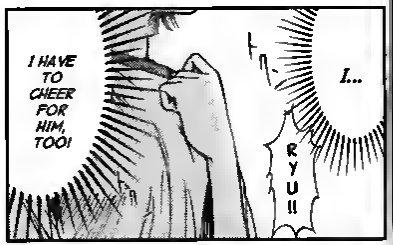

I HAVE TO CHEER FOR HIM, TOO!
I...
RYU!!

RYU--

.....
RYUTARO!!

THE RELAY IS FINALLY HERE.
OKAY THEN...

Good luck Ryutaro-kun!
Don't mess up!

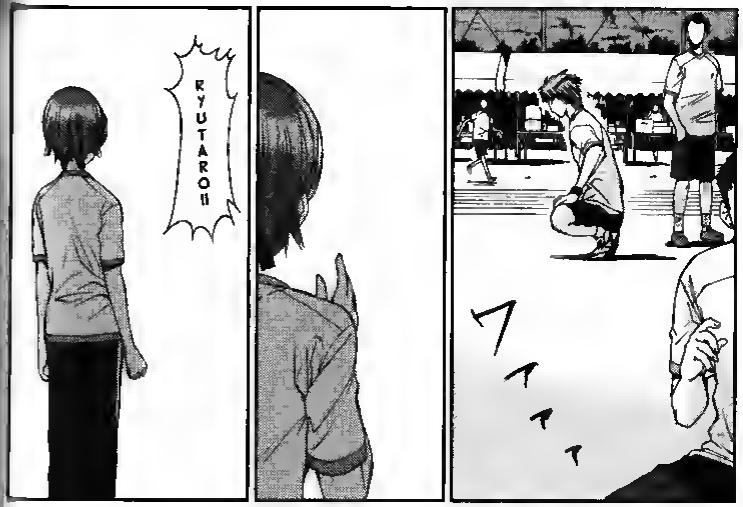
MY CLASS WINS!!!
UNLESS THERE'S A MAJOR UPSET...

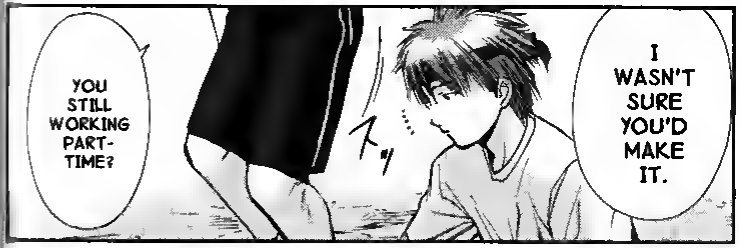
DON'T LOSE!!
PLEASE JUST TRY AS HARD AS RYU CAN OKAY?!
...am I doing...

RYUTARO-KUN!!!

.....
What...

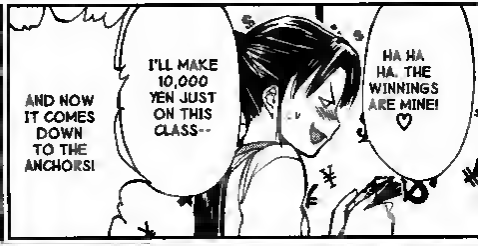
AND THEY'RE OFF!
CLASS A TAKES AN EARLY LEAD!!
YEAH!
MITSUAK!!!!

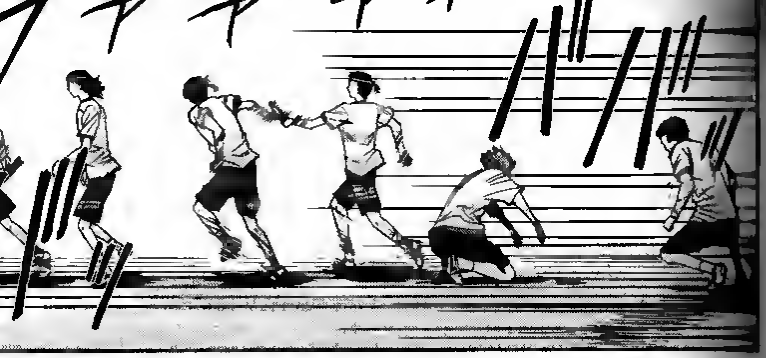

RYUTARO!!

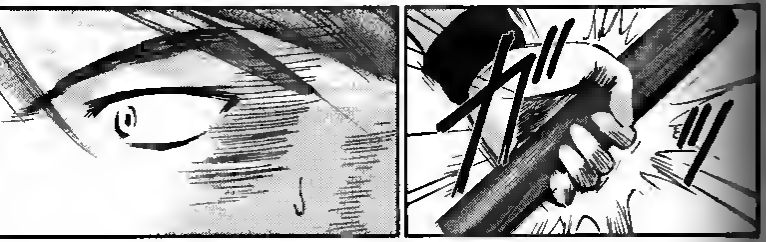

YOU STILL WORKING PART-TIME?
I WASN'T SURE YOU'D MAKE IT.

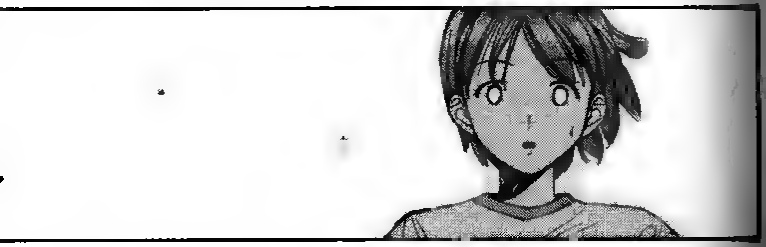
YEAH.
HEY, YOU KNOW THE DRILL!
...I DIDN'T GET ANY PRACTICE IN, BUT...
MORE LIKE FULL TIME NOW.

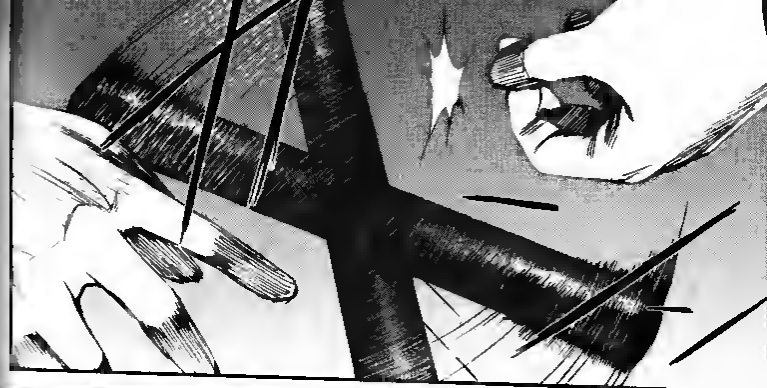
WOW! ♪ MITSUAKI'S AHEAD BY A MILE!
CLASS A IS STILL AHEAD!!

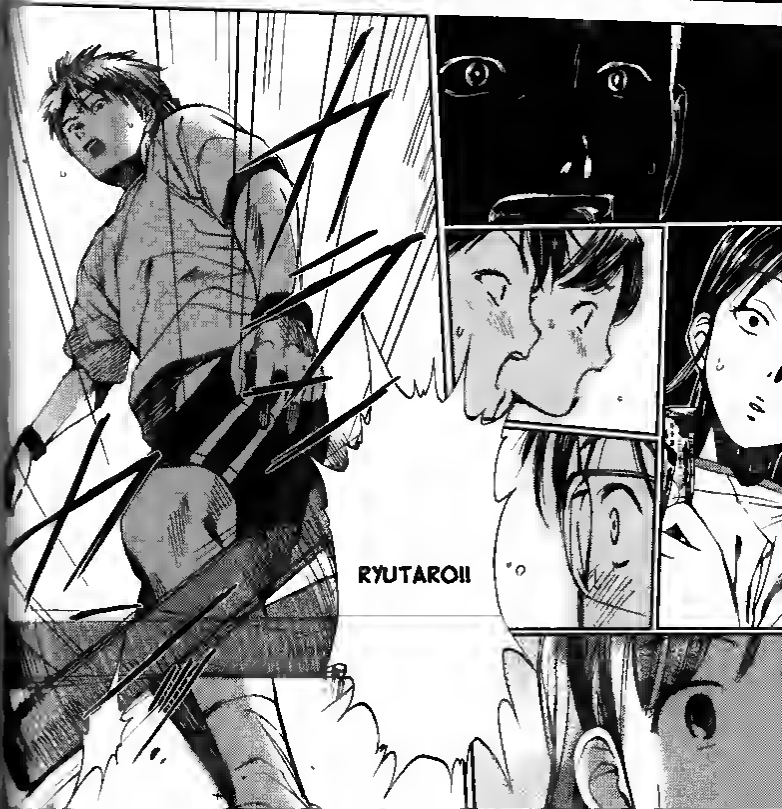

AND NOW IT COMES DOWN TO THE ANCHORS!
I'LL MAKE 10,000 YEN JUST ON THIS CLASS--
HA HA HA. THE WINNINGS ARE MINE! ♡





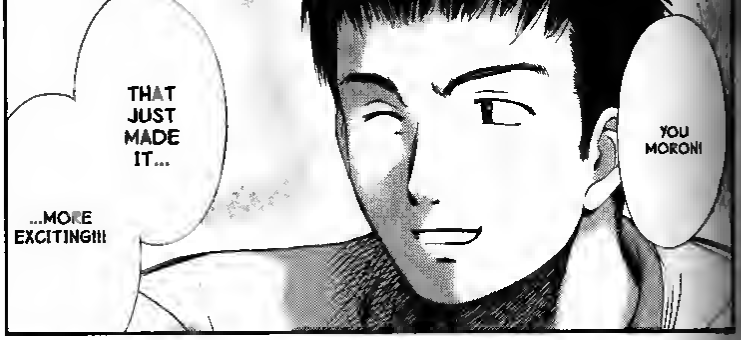





RYUTARO!!

T-TOMINAGA-KUN'S AMAZING!!
HE'S PASSED TWO, NO THREE RUNNERS!!!
...TOMINAGA-KUN!!!!
ONE MORE TO GO!!!
TOMINAGA-KUN!!!!
...RYU...

Class A wins! They're this year's champions!
3
A
GO!


THAT JUST MADE IT...
...MORE EXCITING!!!
YOU MORON!

...AHH.
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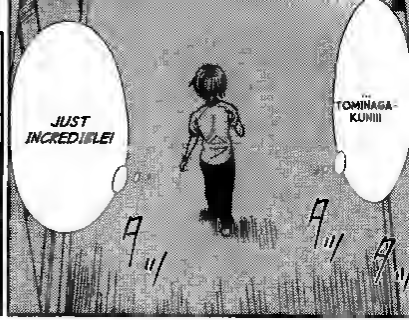
MITSUAKI-KUN...

WHEW!
TOMINAGA-KUN--


JUST INCREDIBLE!
...TOMINAGA-KUN!!!!

SORRY I... DROPPED THE BATON...
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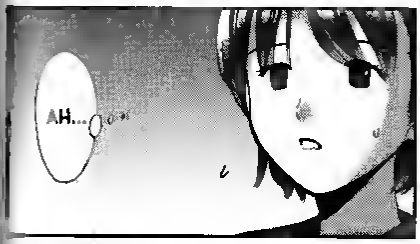
AH...

FUKUYAMA
AH?

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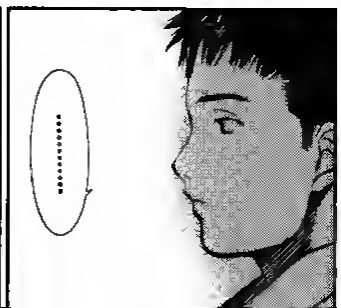
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RYUTARO! MAN, YOU REALLY CUT IT CLOSE!!!
HUH...?
IT'S A GOOD THING YOU WON YOU HAVE *NO IDEA* WHAT WOULD'VE HAPPENED IF YOU DIDN'T!

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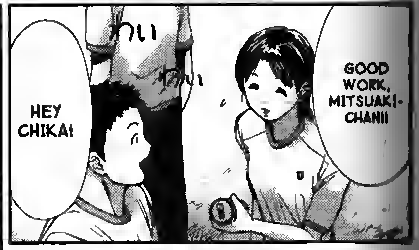
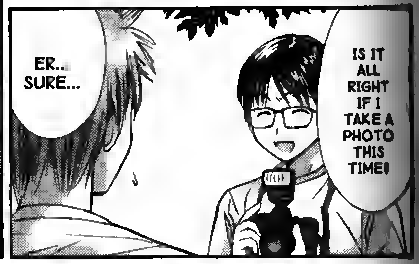
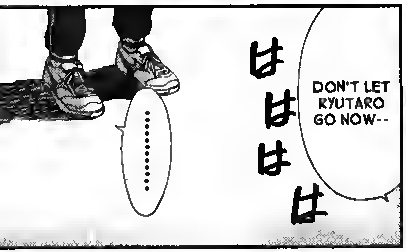
AH..
EVERY ONE...


HEY CHIKA!
GOOD WORK, MITSUAKI-CHAN!!


ER... SURE...
IS IT ALL RIGHT IF I TAKE A PHOTO THIS TIME!


DON'T LET RYUTARO GO NOW--
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COME ON, LET'S GO!
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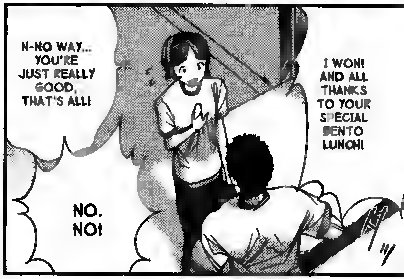
HAMBURGER, BOILED FISH, SUSHI...
REALLY!!!
THEY WERE SO DELICIOUS, IT JUST INSPIRED ME!

NAMI!
AHH...


N-NO WAY... YOU'RE JUST REALLY GOOD, THAT'S ALL!
I WON! AND ALL THANKS TO YOUR SPECIAL BENTO LUNCH!
NO, NO!

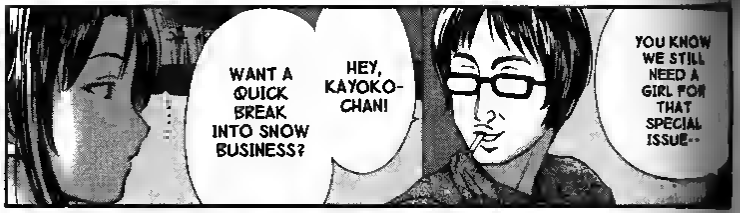
.....
HEY, TOMINAGA!!
HUH?

...THAT DOES SOUND DELICIOUS.
THOSE ARE MY FAVORITES, TOO.

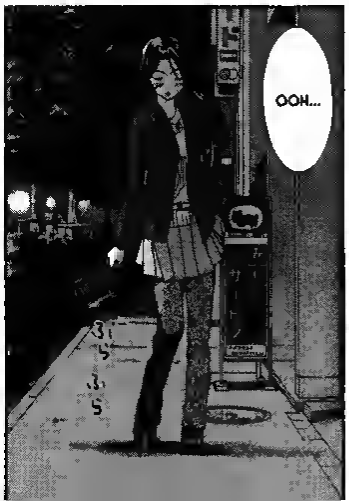
HAMBURGER, BOILED FISH...

Step.12:End

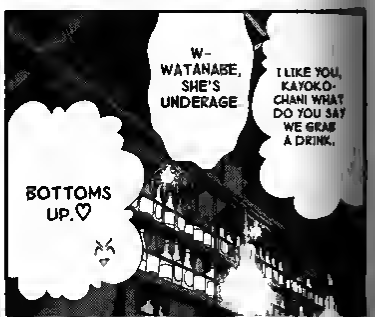
Step. 13: Towards the Distant Sky

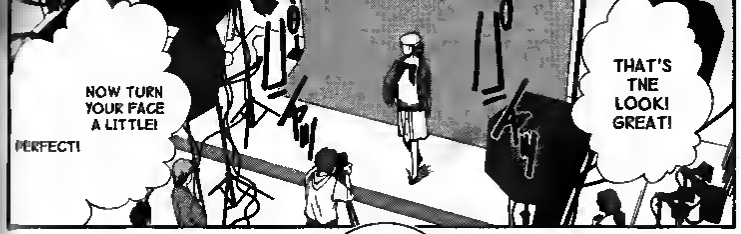

HEY, KAYOKO-CHAN!
WANT A QUICK BREAK INTO SNOW BUSINESS?
YOU KNOW WE STILL NEED A GIRL FOR THAT SPECIAL ISSUE--

I WANT TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN WITH THE TOKYO OFFICE.
...THAT'S NICE, BUT...

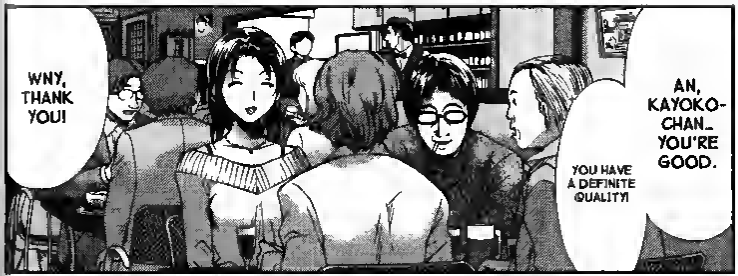

OOH...

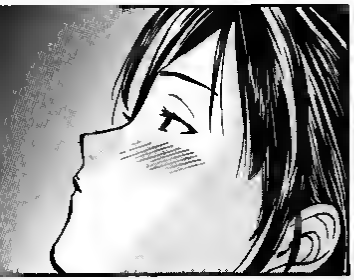
LOOK AT YOU. WELL SAID, WELL SAID
OH...


W-WATANABE, SHE'S UNDERAGE.
I LIKE YOU, KAYOKO-CHAN! WHAT DO YOU SAY WE GRAB A DRINK.
BOTTOMS UP.♡

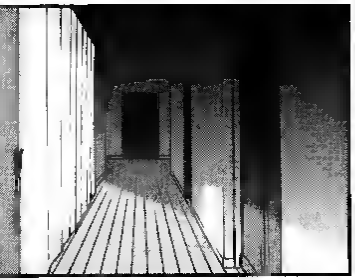

NOW TURN YOUR FACE A LITTLE!
PERFECT!
THAT'S THE LOOK! GREAT!

That's a wrap!!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

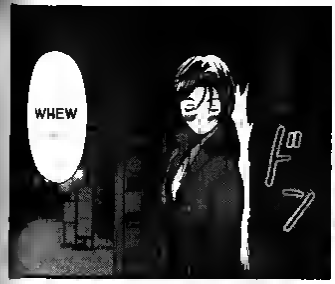

WHY, THANK YOU!
AH, KAYOKO-CHAN... YOU'RE GOOD.
YOU HAVE A DEFINITE QUALITY!



I'M HOME--
YAWN.
EVERYBODY'S ASLEEP NOW, HUH?



THAT'S NICE...
FOR ME.


WHEW

WHOA.

JEEZ
THIS IS NOT LIKE YOU, KAYOKO-SAMA...
TO GET SO DRUNK--

VROOM! VROOM! FULL THROTTLE, 200 MILES AN HOUR TO TOKYO!
Let's go!

MMM... THOSE BIKES AREN'T BAD.
...A BIKE, HUH...

NO ONE TO COMPLAIN ABOUT ME...
...COMING HOME LATE AND DRUNK...
...I-I HAD TO GO TO THE BOOKSTORE, THAT'S ALL. I WAS GETTING MY TEXTBOOKS... FOR PREP SCHOOL.
PREP SCHOOL... THEN WHY ARE YOU WASTING TIME WITH THOSE HIGH SCHOOL KIDS?!
...OKAY. I WON'T... I'LL BE MORE CAREFUL.
PREP SCHOOL. WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL ABOUT PREP SCHOOL ANYWAY?
ISN'T THERE SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT?!
HMM? WHAT ABOUT YOUR MAGIC TRAINING?!
NAMI!!!!
NAMI!! I'M NOT FINISHED TALKING!
NAMI!!
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? DO YOU KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS?

NO MORE, DAD...
ALL HE DOES IS COMPLAIN...
NO!
NO.
NO!!!
Tominaga-kun...
I should go back...
DON'T EVER COME HERE AGAIN!!!
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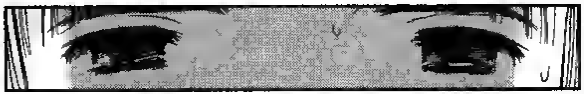

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I WAS JUST IN TIME!
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AAH...
SUMOMO CHAN?

OH NO!!!!

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SUMOMO-CHAN SUMOMO-CHAN!
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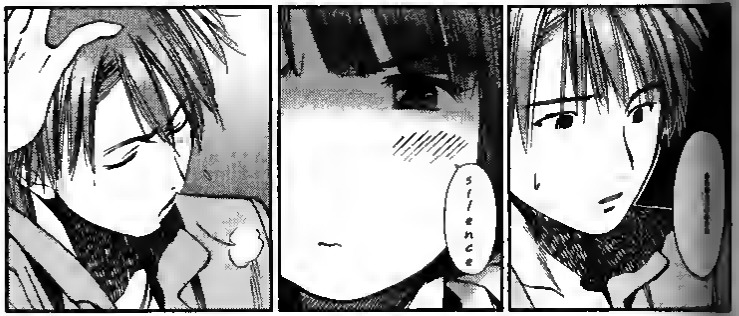
SUMOMO...


silence

HUH? NO... I-I'M SORRY.
I JUST GET HOT-HEADED AND....
...I'M SORRY ABOUT YELLING.

YOU SAVED HER, DIDN'T YOU?
WHOA, WAIT A SECOND.

...WHY ARE YOU HERE?!
I TOLD YOU TO STAY AWAY FROM SUMOMO!

SUMOMO-CHAN, ARE YOU OKAY?
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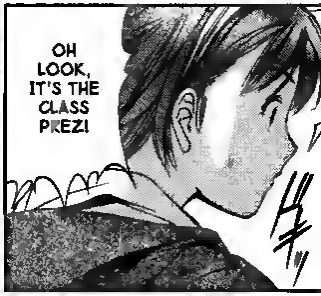
OH LOOK, IT'S THE CLASS PREZ!
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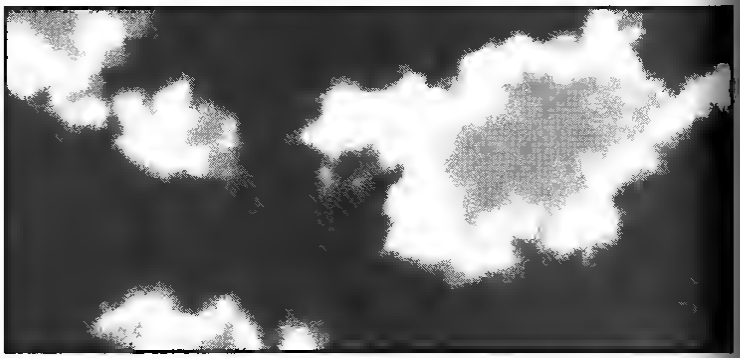
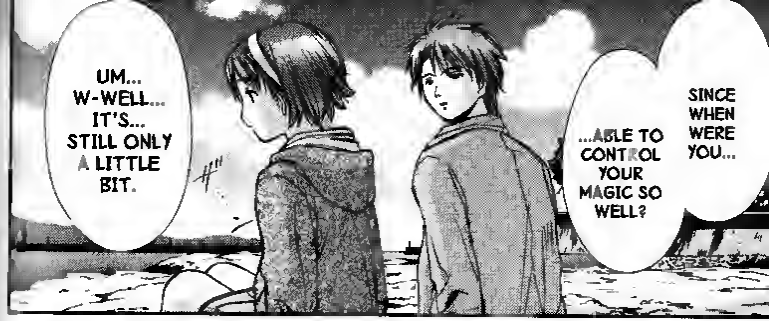
AND FROM USING YOUR ROTTEN MAGIC!
T-TOMINAGA-KU-

I-I'M SORRY!!
DID YOU FORGET WHAT YOU DID TO MY BIKE?!

KYA!!
WOULD YOU STOP YAPPING AND JUST LAY DOWN!
...HUH?
LET'S TAKE A LITTLE REST, SHALL WE?
...PHEW.
HMM?



...I JUST LOOK UP AT THE SKY...
...AND STARE.
WHEN I FEEL WORN OUT AND TIRED...


UM... W-WELL... IT'S... STILL ONLY A LITTLE BIT.
...ABLE TO CONTROL YOUR MAGIC SO WELL?
SINCE WHEN WERE YOU...

KAYOKO?
YEAH! HAMAURA WAS PISSED OFF. SHE HAD BETS GOING ON THE WHOLE THING.

A BIT OF A BITCH AT TIMES, BUT SHE'S ALWAYS INTERESTING...
SHE'S... UH...

BUT...
I SKIPPED THE RELAY BATON PRACTICE, AND LOOK AT WHAT ALMOST HAPPENED.
NO, IT'S NOT BAD. BETTER CONTROL THAN ME.
YOU WERE INCREDIBLE! I WAS SO IMPRESSED!

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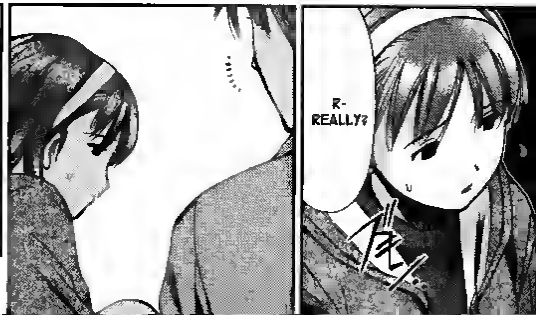
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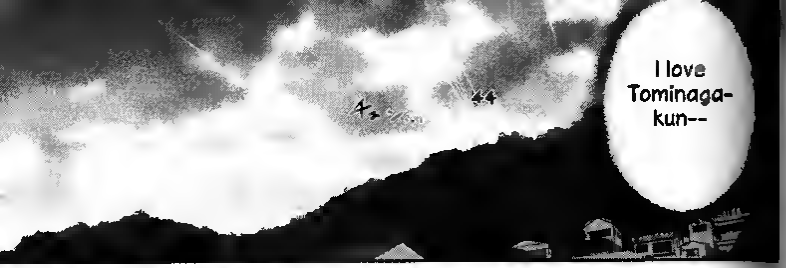
R-REALLY?


I love Tominaga-kun--

Looking up at the sky...
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MONDAY
TUESDAY

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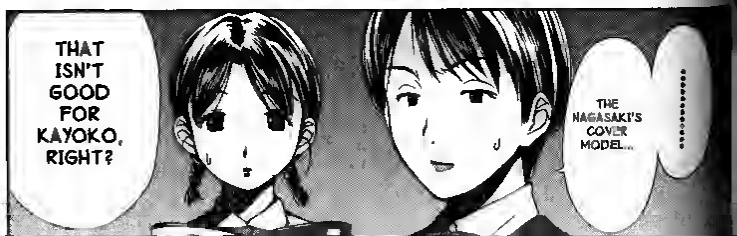
THE NAGASAKI
No.28671
今行こう！
長崎ロケ地めぐり
DU PUMPA
カルガモ
一度は食べたものから
美味しいもの見つけた

The image becomes serene and clear. Like my heart is now.
...and then suddenly adjusts itself.
...starts out of focus...
It's like when my camera...


THAT ISN'T GOOD FOR KAYOKO, RIGHT?
THE NAGASAKI'S COVER MODEL...
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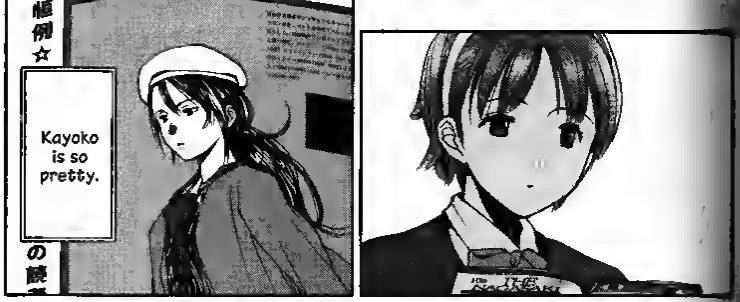
...they make my heart quiver.
But my feelings for him... lying so close to me...


Kayoko is so pretty.

SIR...
AM I REALLY GOING TO BE EXPELLED?
SO...

NOTHING, I GUESS.
IF I SAID YES...
WHAT WILL YOU DO?

HMPH! GETTING SUSPENDED FOR MODELING? IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH YOU?
THEY CAN SUSPEND YOU FOR THAT!
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WHAT?! LEMME SEE THAT!
OH COOL! THEY PUBLISHED MY SHOT OF KAYOKO, TOO!
ME? HOW 'BOUT YOU?

WHAT'S NOT GOOD ABOUT IT?
THIS ISN'T AN ART SCHOOL!

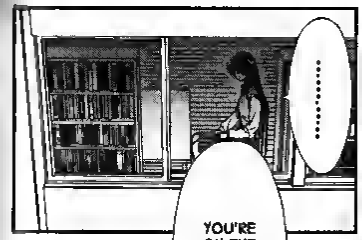
IT'S JUST *THE NAGASAKI* TOWN MAGAZINE. JEEZ!
WHAT KIND OF BACK-ASS, COUNTRY BUMPKINS ARE YOU?

IT'S HOT A SHOW!
HOW 'BOUT WE GO WITH HER?

SEE! I TOLD YOU!
ATTENTION ROOM 3-A, WOULD HAMAURA PLEASE REPORT TO THE GUIDANCE COUNSELOR'S ROOM IMMEDIATELY

FROM NOW ON, I'LL DO WHAT I WANT.
AND DON'T FEEL LIKE YOU HAVE TO KISS MY FATHER'S ASS

EXCUSE ME... H-HAMAU-RA!!
IF YOU WANT TO DISCIPLINE ME, JUST DO IT! THAT'S NOT A REQUEST.
HEY, TOMI-NAGA.
DID YOU JUST GET HERE? WERE YOU AT WORK?
YEAH.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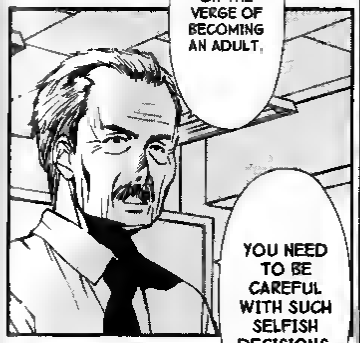

YOU'RE ON THE VERGE OF BECOMING AN ADULT.
YOU NEED TO BE CAREFUL WITH SUCH SELFISH DECISIONS.

YOU THINK I LIKE ALL OF THIS?

WELL, TO BE BLUNT HERE...
SINCE YOUR FATHER IS ON THE CITY COUNCIL, THIS INCIDENT IS...
...BEING BRUSHED UNDER THE RUG.

SIR, LET ME BE BLUNT AS WELL...
WHAT?

I NEVER MIND..I'LL JUST. LATER--
THAT'S JUST GREAT...
UM.. SURE, OKAY.
HMPH! SO IF I SAY MOVE, YOU MOVE, HUH?
WHAT IF I SAID DIE?
HUH.....
SHE'LL BE EXPELLED IF SHE DOESN'T WATCH HERSELF.
YEAH! KAYOKO'S ANSWERING FOR IT RIGHT NOW.
WHAT'S WITH THE MAGAZINE? EVERYONE HAS ONE AND THE COVER.. WHOA!
I STILL CAN'T FIND THE RIGHT WAY TO TALK TO RIEKO-CHAN.
PHEW.
...KAYOKO. WHAT ARE YOU...?
DO WHAT SHE'S TOLD. BUT NOT ME...
SOMEONE LIKE YOU, A MAGIC USER'S GIRL, SHOULD FOLLOW IN HER FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS.
WHY DID THIS HAVE TO HAPPEN?
AH! I KNOW!
?
THE COVER GIRL THING'S ALREADY OLD...
SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK I SHOULD DO NEXT?
AHH!
!!
GET OUT OF MY WAY!!!

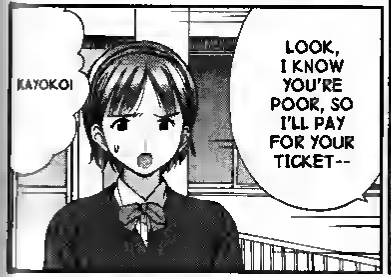
LET ME RIDE.

THERE

I KNEW YOU WERE SECRETLY RIDING YOUR BIKE TO SCHOOL.
HAMAURA?!
HOW DID YOU...?

SO YOU WANNA COME WITH?
NAGASAKI'S WAY TOO SMALL A STAGE FOR ME
K-KAYOKO?

I SHOULD RUN AWAY TO PARIS!!


KAYOKO!
LOOK, I KNOW YOU'RE POOR, SO I'LL PAY FOR YOUR TICKET--

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ARE YOU TRYING TO BE FRIENDS NOW? OR DO YOU JUST WANT SOME SYMPATHY?

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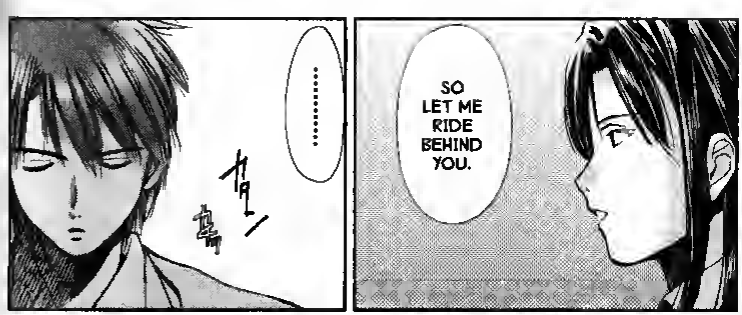
WHAT ARE YOU, STUPID?!

JUST TAKE ME...
SOME-WHERE.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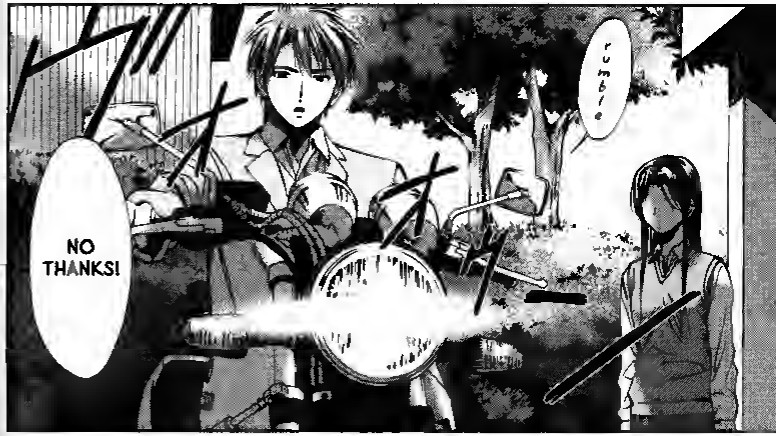
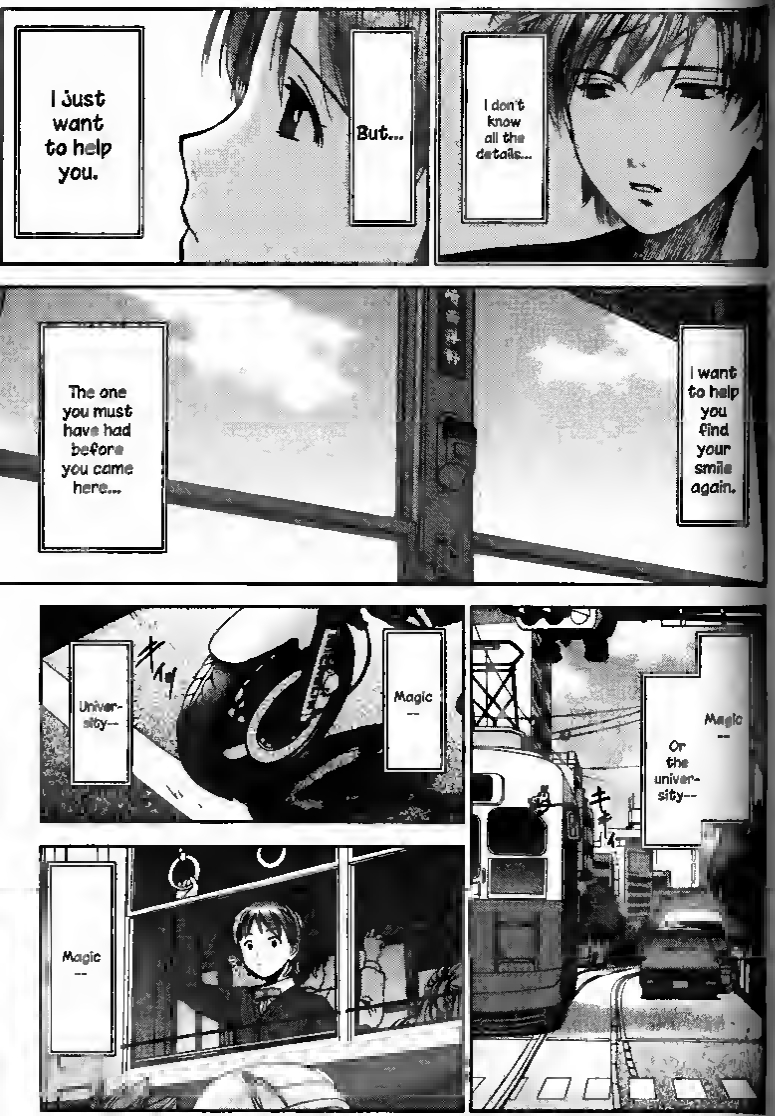
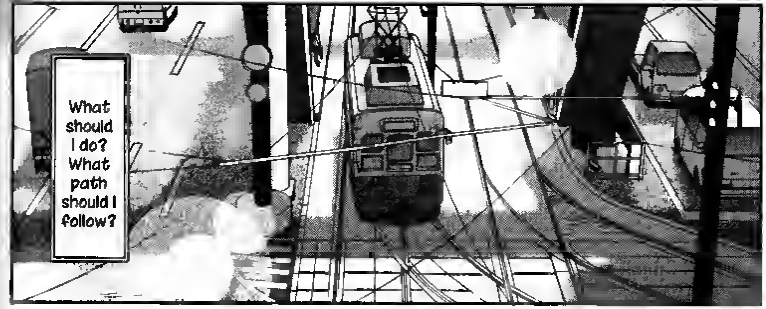
SO LET ME RIDE BEHIND YOU.


rumble
NO THANKS!

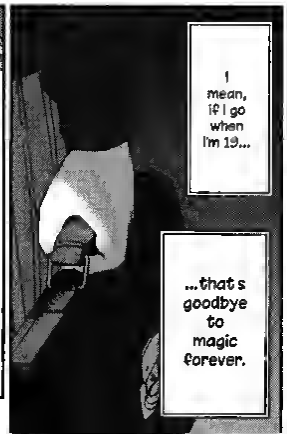
HEY!
COME ON! LET ME RIDE WITH YOU.


I just want to help you.
But...
I don't know all the details...
The one you must have had before you came here...
I want to help you find your smile again.
Univer-sity--
Magic --
Magic --
Or the univer-sity--
Magic --


What should I do? What path should I follow?

...Tominaga-kun...
He came here with such a burden on his heart, after his mom died...

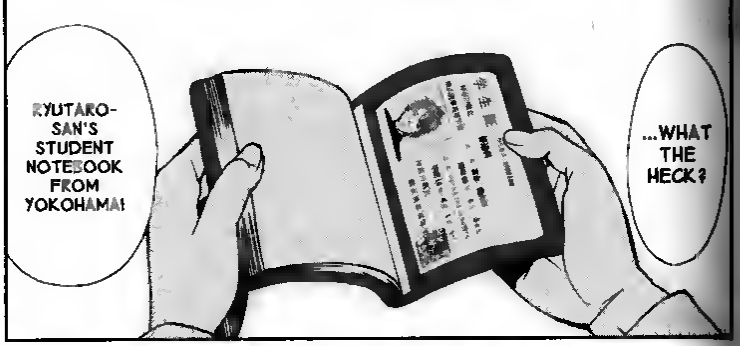
Do I want to go to the univer-sity ...?
If I do, what should I study?

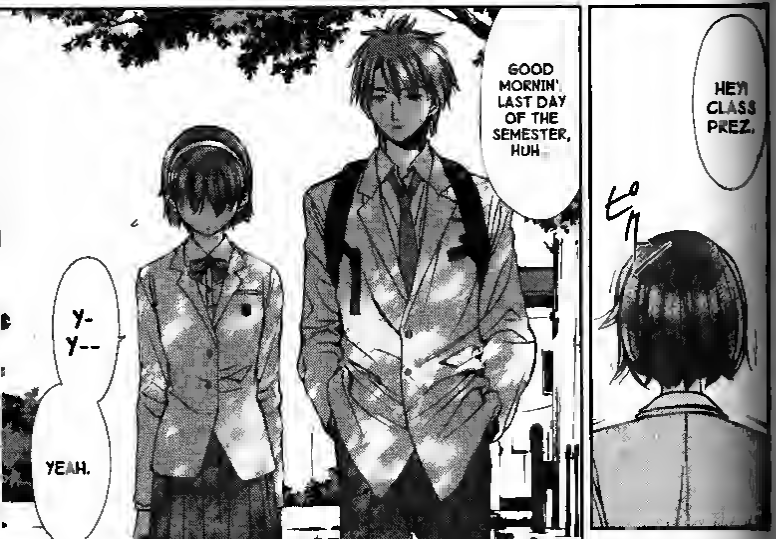

I mean, if I go when I'm 19...
...that's goodbye to magic forever.

西洋軒
お降りの方はこのボタンを

Step.14 I Saw The Full Moon
Early October
The start of Nagasaki Kunchi.
KYAA!!

Step.13:End





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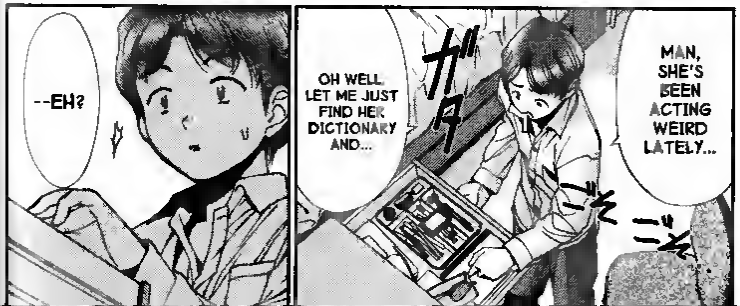
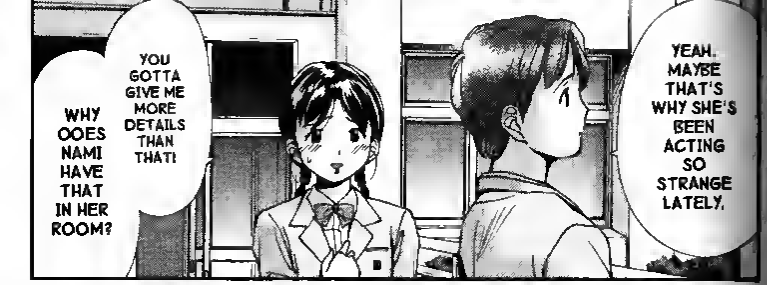
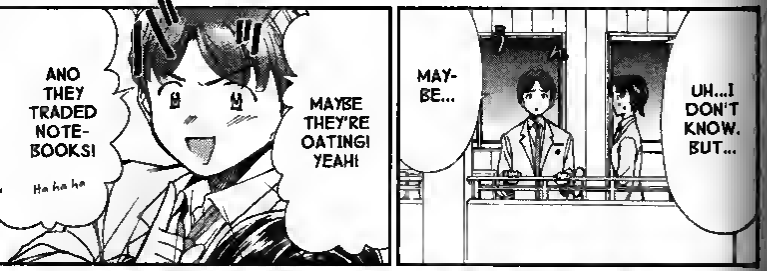
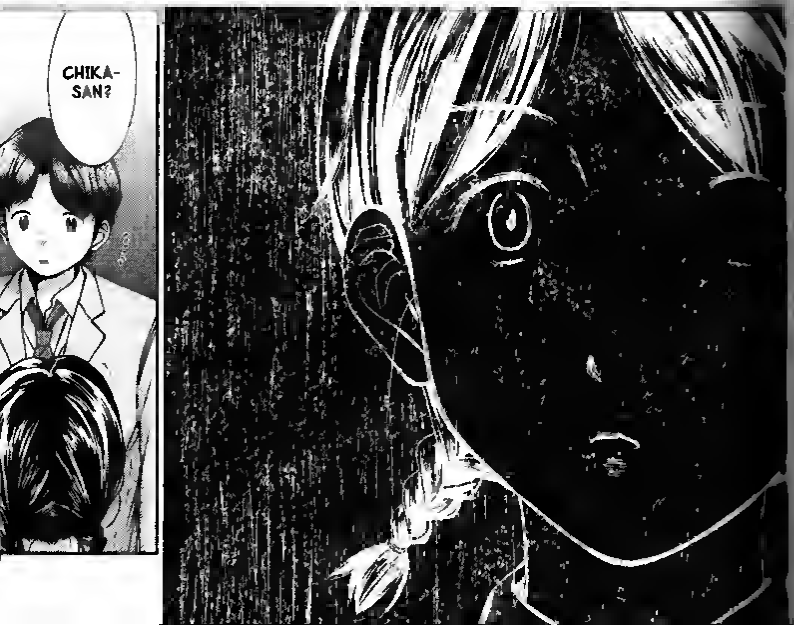
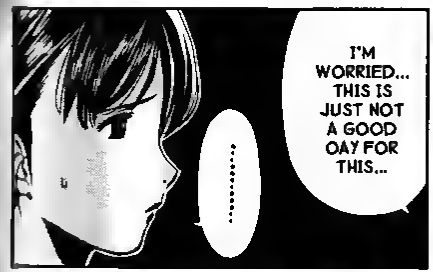


.....
THEY JUST... MADE A DATE! RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME!
UH... HEY, CLASS PREZ...
I'M SURPRISED KAYOKO DIDN'T TELL YOU!
YEAH... A BIG ONE. IT HAPPENS EVERY YEAR AND GOES ALL NIGHT.
EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT KUNCHI AND SEEMS TO HAVE FORGOTTEN ABOUT THEIR TESTS
WHAT IS IT, SOME KIND OF FESTIVAL?
IT'S REALLY TRUE!!!
IT'S TRUE!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT. BUT I WAS RIGHT THERE...
RYUTARO!
HUH...?
Kayoko?
TOMINAGA-KUN AND KAYOKO ARE--
YEAH. WHY NOT?
WHAT? THE WHARF...?
.....
IT'S KUNCHI! COME ON, LET'S GO OUT TO THE WHARF!
!!
HEY, OW...!


YEAH. MAYBE THAT'S WHY SHE'S BEEN ACTING SO STRANGE LATELY.
YOU GOTTA GIVE ME MORE DETAILS THAN THAT!
WHY OOES NAMI HAVE THAT IN HER ROOM?


UH...I DON'T KNOW. BUT...
MAY-BE...
MAYBE THEY'RE OATING! YEAH!
ANO THEY TRADED NOTE-BOOKS!
Ha ha ha


CHIKA-SAN?


I'M WORRIED... THIS IS JUST NOT A GOOD OAY FOR THIS...
.....

WHAT HAPPENED?
NAMI, WHAT'S WRONG?

...JEEZ.
I ASKED, BUT NAMI WON'T TALK ABOUT IT AT ALL...

HUH?!

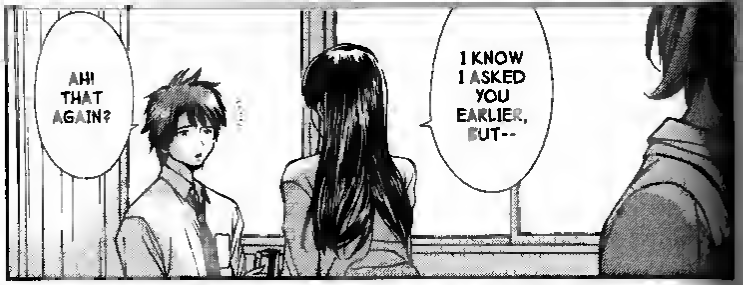
MAYBE HIDEKI-CHAN KNOWS SOMETHING...

TOMINAGA-KUN'S NOTEBOOK...IN NAMI'S ROOM?!

HEY, RYUTARO--

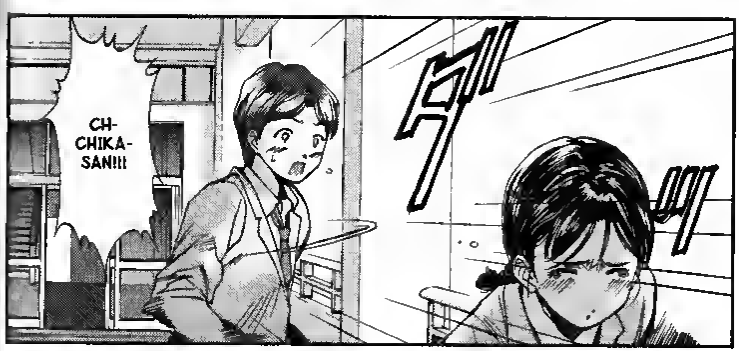
キーンコーン

WHEW! I'M ALL DONE!
HOW'D YOU DO?

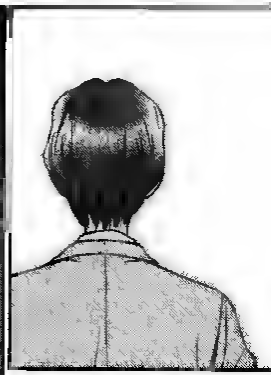

AH! THAT AGAIN?
I KNOW I ASKED YOU EARLIER, BUT--

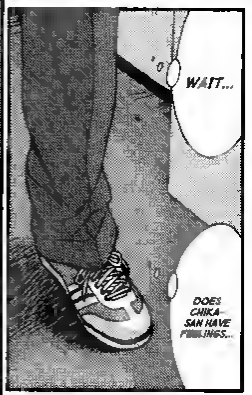
...HEY, KOHEI-KUN, I--
HUH?

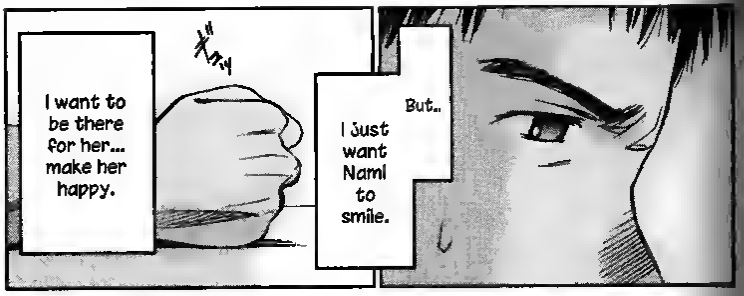
COME ON. LET'S RIDE OUT TO THE WHARF TODAY.
HUH?


CH-CHIKA-SAN!!!

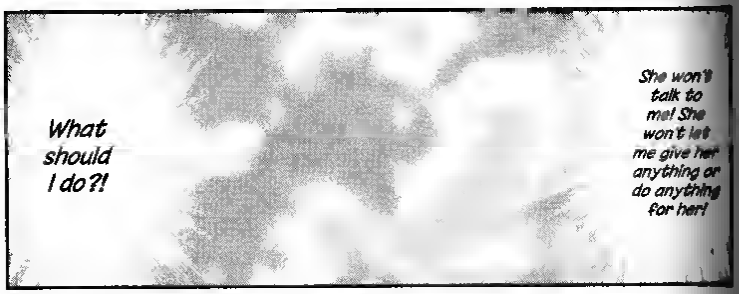
FOR RYUTARO-SAN?!
He is mortified.




WAIT...
DOES CHIKA-SAN HAVE FEELINGS...


I want to be there for her... make her happy.
But..
I just want Nami to smile.

Damn it.
What the hell am I...
...to Nami, anyway?!

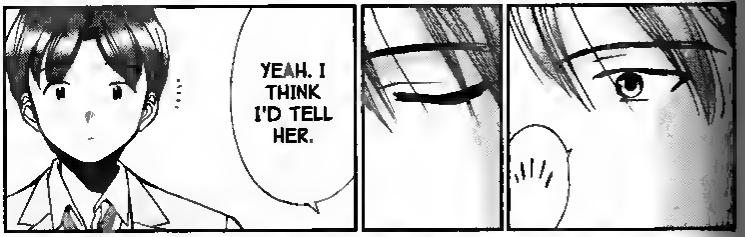

What should I do?!
She won't talk to me! She won't let me give her anything or do anything for her!

SH-SHE WASN'T FEELING WELL AND WENT HOME.
HOMEROOM'S STARTING!
KOHEI! WHERE'S NAMI?
YO...

IT CERTAINLY SEEMS LIKE IT..
WHAT?
SHE'S SICK AGAIN?

Okay, so she's been acting weird and restless all summer...
I mean...
OKAY EVERYONE LET'S FIND OUR SEATS.
No.
You think she would have said something.
Is she really sick...
...or is there something else going on?

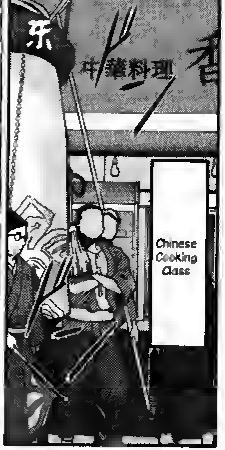
WOULD YOU CONFESS IT TO HER, EVEN IF...
SHE WASN'T INTERESTED?
WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME THAT NOW?
AND IF YOU DID...


YEAH. I THINK I'D TELL HER.

I MEAN... THAT'S WHAT...
...A "MAN", DOES!

HEY, HIDE! LET'S REALLY STRETCH 'EM OUT! SEE HOW LONG THEY GO!
WHAT, CHIKA?
Ryutaro-kun
.....

AAH!
--EH.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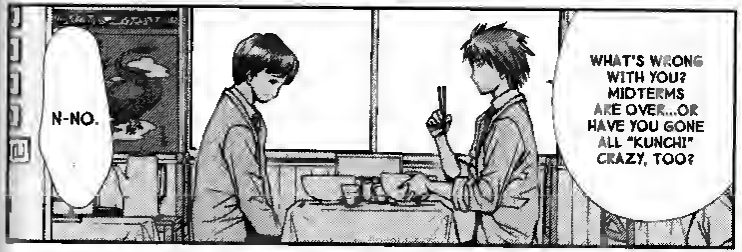
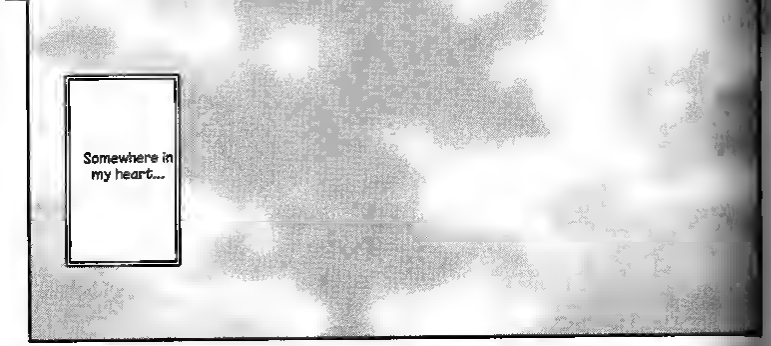

N-NO.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU? MIDTERMS ARE OVER...OR HAVE YOU GONE ALL "KUNCHI" CRAZY, TOO?

RYU-SAN, IS THERE A GIRL YOU LIKE?

.....

RYU-SAN...
?


Somewhere in my heart...

...for even just a maybe from Ryutaro-kun.
I was at least hoping...

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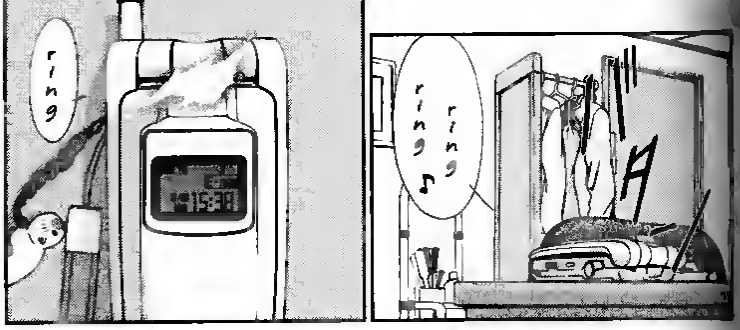
I WAS SELFISH AND KEPT THIS FOR MYSELF FOR A LONG TIME--
...SORRY.
I...

THEN LET'S EAT!

Ryu-san, is there a girl you like?

THEY ARE DELICIOUS! AND LONG, TOO, AREN'T THEY?!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I'LL JUST ASK HER FACE-TO-FACE.
?!
AGHI I CAN'T WAIT!
SHE WON'T ANSWER ANY OF MY E-MAILS...

...and...
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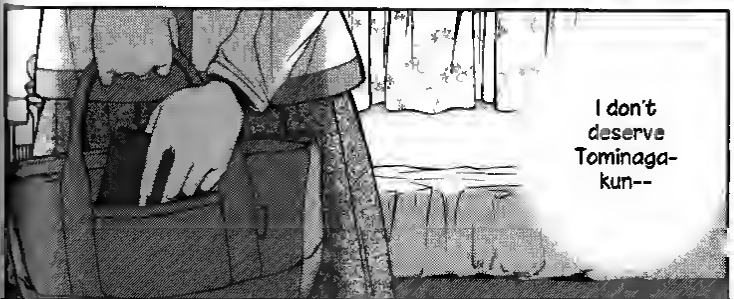
I have to give it back now...
I...

...in the right way.
I have to give you up.


I don't deserve Tominaga-kun--

NAMI.
AAH!
N-NAMI?!
AAH!
S SORRY, MITSUAKI-KUN... I HAD SOME THINGS TO DO..
YOU NEVER ANSWERED MY EMAILS
NAMI! HEY! YOU'RE UP AND OUTSIDE!
WHAT'S UP WITH YOU LATELY?
NAMI...
I FIGURED YOU JUST WENT HOME AFTER LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY.
M-MITSUAKI-KUN?!
ABOUT THE ISLAND AND IF YOU CAN..I JUST WANT TO KNOW...
I JUST... I JUST WANT...
YOUR ANSWER...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
JUST TALK TO ME!! LET ME HELP...
PLEASE STOP LYING TO ME! SOMETHING'S WRONG, I KNOW IT!
WHAT? NOTHING. WHY?

AAH...I

I'M SORRY... MITSUAKI-KUN...
.....

I...
.....!!

.....
IT'S OKAY, I GET IT...

.....

.....

Wait a sec--
W-wait.
Oh no!
What the...?

RYUTARO-KUN'S MOTOR-CYCLE!
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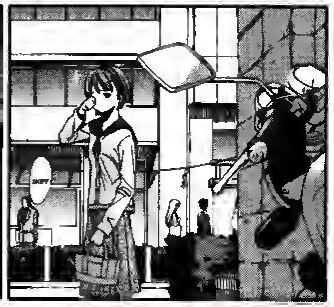
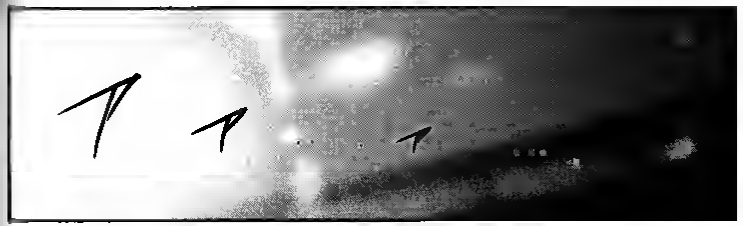


IT CAN'T BE GONE. IT JUST CAN'T!
TOMINAGA-KUN'S STUDENT NOTE▯OOK!!!

That's fine. I'll just wait here.
I can give him his student notebook and--
?!
Oh yeah...
He came to drive Kayoko to the wharf.

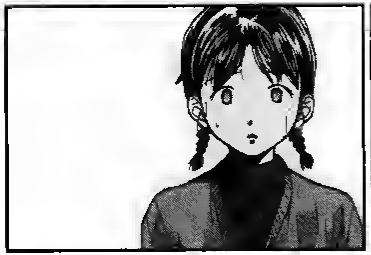
RIGHT! I HAVE TO TRY... MAGIC!!!
!!
HOW COULD I HAVE LOST IT?!
EXCUSE ME!
EX--
HO, NO, HO!
PLEASE!
MAYBE SOMEONE BUMPED ME...
IN THE CROWD, OR...
I HAD IT WHEN I LEFT THE HOUSE!
AGHI WHAT AM I GOHHA DO?!
WHAT THE..
SORRY!
MAGIC POWERS...
BRING TOMINAGA-KUN'S NOTEBOOK TO ME!
I DON'T KNOW... I CAN'T THINK...

That's...
No, no...
...because I only try to use it at times like this.
Not it. That's not right...
My magic won't give me its power...

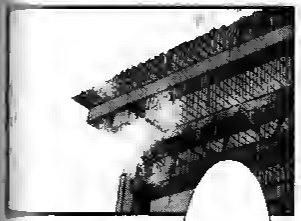


IT'S BETRAYING ME AGAIN...
WHY CAN'T I USE MAGIC WHEN I REALLY NEED IT?
MY MAGIC...
English Dic
.....
WHY ISN'T IT WORKING?

I DO! SO PLEASE GO OUT WITH ME!
CHIKA-SAN! I... I LIKE YOU!!!



...SORRY.
BUT... THERE'S... SOMEONE ELSE I LIKE...



HUH?
WHAT DID YOU JUST ..?

I have to find it!!!

KAYOKO!
?!

...WELL, I LIKE TO MIX IT UP ONCE IN A WHILE. KEEP IT FRESH.
ARE YOU BY YOURSELF? WHERE'S YOUR USUAL GANG?

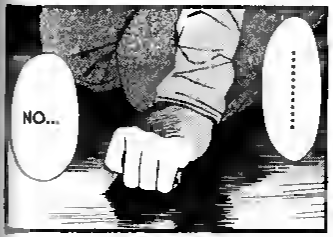
IT'S RAINING, SO I THOUGHT WE'D SHARE YOUR UMBRELLA.
RIEKO?! WHAT DO YOU WANT?

BESIDES YOU'RE ALONE, RIGHT?

HMPH! YOU DON'T TALK THAT WAY TO ME!
?
?

THAT WAS A ONE TIME ONLY THING!
NO WAY! LOOK, I AM NOT YOUR TAXI SERVICE!!!!

HA...
しゅうう...
I'M S-SORRY, HIDEKI-CHAN...
HA HA HA...I KNEW IT.


.....
NO...

!!!

HIDEKI-CHAN...

IT'S... REALLY, IT'S...
I'M GLAD I TOLD YOU HOW I FELT!

Pant
Pant
AGH!!!
it's not here...
I CAN'T STOP UNTIL I FIND IT!
BUT...
I HAVE TO KEEP LOOKING...
19:32
AND I STILL HAVEN'T FOUND IT.
...IT'S SO LATE.
Pant
Pant
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HER?
!!!
Pant
Pant
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I AM...
SO, SO SORRY...
ア
ア
...OH NO...
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IT'S COMPLETELY SOAKED THROUGH NOW...
AAAH...
.....

HUH?
Step.15: Don't Cry

TOMINAGA-KUN...
AND YOU'RE SOAKED..

IT'S THE CLASS PREZ AGAIN.
WHAT'RE YOU DOING OUT HERE?

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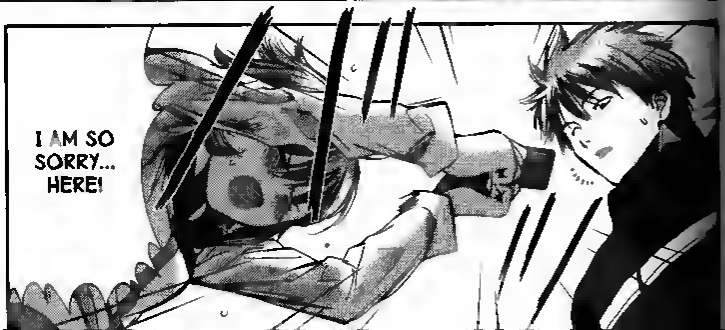
I AM SO SORRY... HERE!

Step.14:End

?!
T-THE NOTEBOOK... IT WAS...

!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND. WHY ARE YOU RETURNING IT NOW?!
AND IN THE POURING RAIN?!

THIS IS...
MY STUDENT NOTEBOOK!
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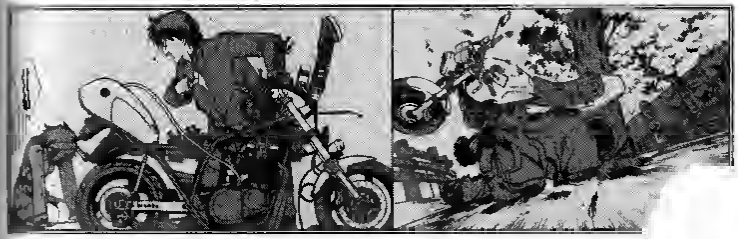
THAT'S ALL!
AND I JUST HAD TO RETURN IT...
I WAS WRONG!



I'M FINE!
H-HEY! CAN I AT LEAST GIVE YOU A RIDE HOME?!

.....
...REALLY SORRY.
I'M REALLY

I-I'M SO SORRY! I'M RETURNING IT NOW AND..
SO YOU REALLY DID HAVE IT...

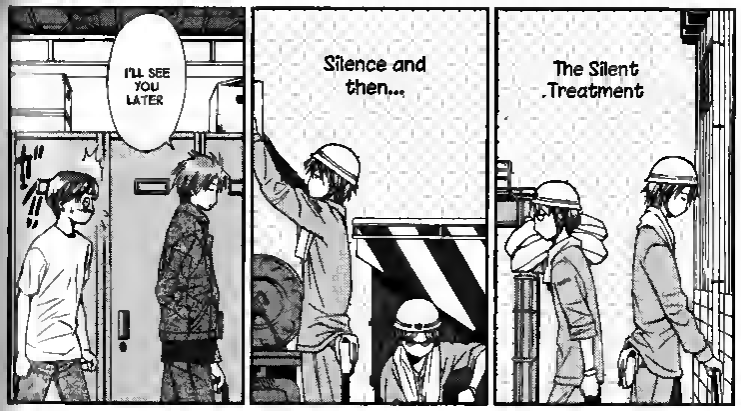
GOODBYE..

!

RETURNED IT WAY BACK THEN. WHAT DID YOU NEED IT FOR?!
IT'S SOAKED...
YOU COULD HAVE JUST

Step.15 Don't cry
GOOD-BYE..
TOMINAGA-KUN...
A real bad mood...
.....
What can I do...

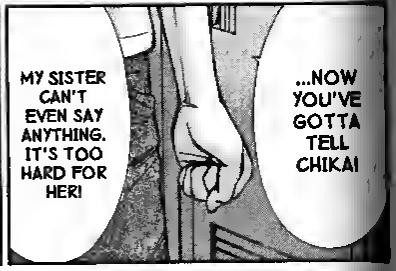
YOU NEED TO CLEAN THIS MESS UP! AND STOP HURTING HER AND CHIKA!!!
IT'S ABOUT GOING OUT WITH MY SISTER!
Huh?
OKAY, SO JUST SAY IT ALREADY.
YOU DON'T GET IT, DO YOU?


I'LL SEE YOU LATER
Silence and then...
The Silent Treatment

I FOUND YOUR NOTEBOOK! I KNOW YOU TRADED WITH MY SISTER. YOU ARE SO BUSTED!
Don't play dumb!
Going out...?
WHAT ARE YOU...?
...HUH?

IS THIS HOW YOU TREAT YOUR POOR, SUFFERING FRIEND?
HEY YOU!!!

SO UNTIL YOU FIX THIS MESS...


MY SISTER CAN'T EVEN SAY ANYTHING. IT'S TOO HARD FOR HER!
...NOW YOU'VE GOTTA TELL CHIKA!

IT'S MY TURN TO SAY SOMETHING TO YOU!
DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE I'M CRAZY!!!

HUH?
WHAT IS THAT?!

ABSENT AGAIN TODAY. I HOPE SHE'S ALL RIGHT.
NAMI'S...
YOU HAVEN'T EATEN LUNCH YET?
HMM...
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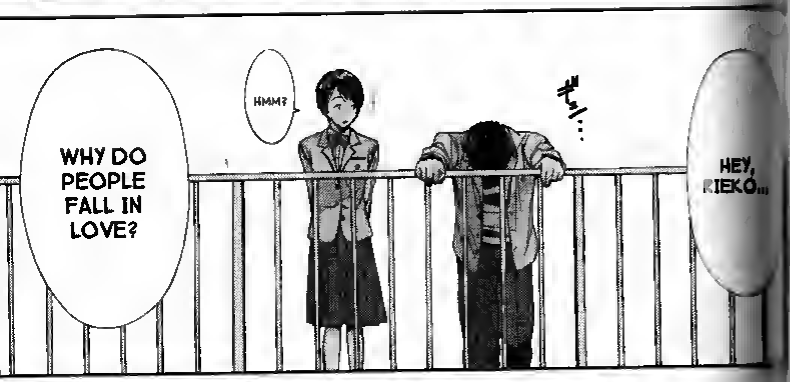
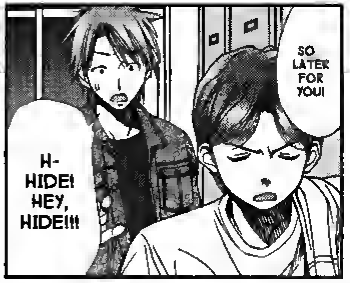

WHY DO PEOPLE FALL IN LOVE?
HMM?
HEY, RIEKO...
UH...WHO KNOWS FOR SURE...
UMM...

I'M NOT TALKING TO YOU ANYMORE!!!
I'M...

.....
..I HAVE NO CLUE...
WHAT YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT!


SO LATER FOR YOU!
H-HIDE! HEY, HIDE!!!

MITSUAKI...
Next Day

SO YOU TOTALLY BLEW OFF NAMI'S BROTHER.
HEY!
WELL...
I-I LIKE SOMEONE ELSE...
WHY'D YOU TURN HIM DOWN?
BUT... IT WAS HIDEKI-CHAN WHO GAVE ME THE COURAGE AND..
...I THINK I'M GONNA FINALLY TELL THEM HOW I FEEL!
REALLY?! THIS IS THE FIRST I'VE HEARD ABOUT IT.
WHO IS IT? COME ON, I WON'T SAY A WORD.
IT'S A SECRET.

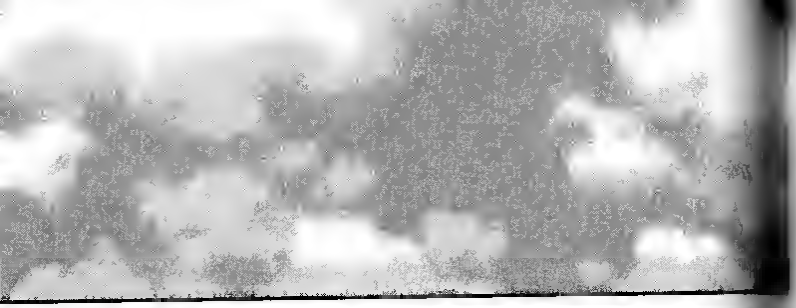
I...
I...

HANG IN THERE! YOU'RE A FUTURE GOLD MEDALIST!
HEY! COME ON!!!

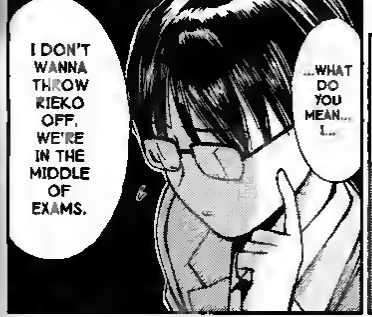
.....

RIEKO...

YOU GOTTA EAT WELL, YOU KNOW?
AND GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR EXAMS. OKAY, MITSUAKI?



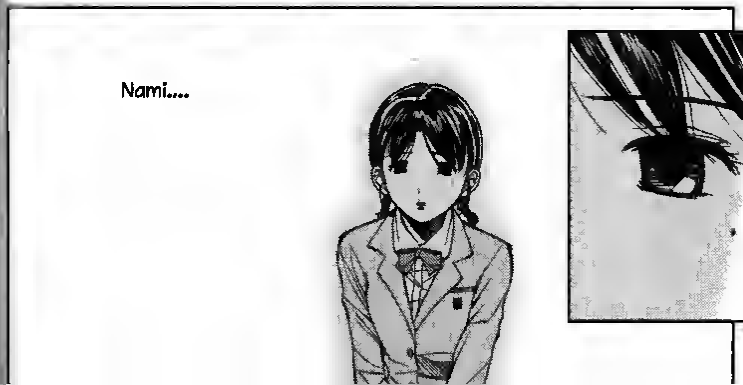
Not Kayoko, not Mitsuaki...
I don't wanna see anyone.
...IT'S COLD OUT HERE...
BUT IT'S BETTER THAN BEING AT SCHOOL...


I DON'T WANNA THROW RIEKO OFF. WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF EXAMS.
...WHAT DO YOU MEAN... I...

HUH? I... ER...
AND KOHEI... YOU SHOULD TELL RIEKO, TOO.

HMM? ER... NOTHING...
WHAT'S WRONG, CHIKA?

YOU'RE SO SWEET.
REALLY...
YEAH! IT'S SCARY HOW SWEET YOU ARE...


Nami....

GLANCE
LATER.
click
.....

Not Ryutaro-kun...
Or Chika... or Rieko...
And most of all...
I just wanna disappear...
I...

NAMI!!
EVERYDAY IT'S SOMETHING WITH YOU! THIS STOPS NOW!

OKAY... I'M HOME. I JUST HOPE...
.....

SWEET HEART!
JUST LET ME TALK TO HER, PLEASE.

EXCUSE ME.

MISS!

HUH...
WE'RE CLOSING UP
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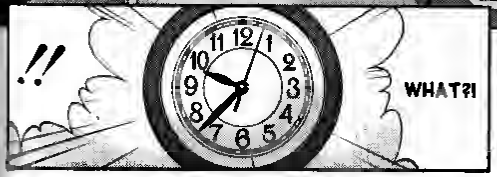
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WHAT?!

OH! IT'S SO LATE!
I MUST HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP!
I... I'M SO SORRY!

JUST LEAVE ME ALONE!!!
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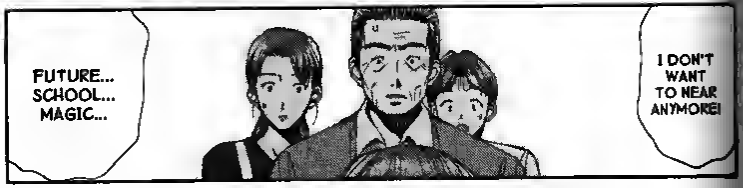
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?!
SKIPPING CLASSES... STAYING OUT AFTER DARK!
THE SCHOOL CALLED...


FUTURE... SCHOOL... MAGIC...
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANYMORE!

YOU COME HOME LATE EVERYDAY!
DID YOU SAY NOTHING?!
YOUR GRADES ARE DROPPING!

...NOTH-ING.

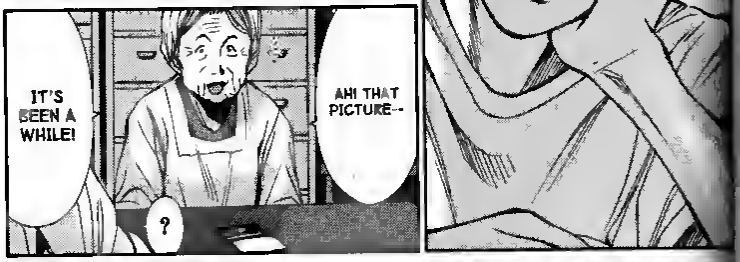
NOTH-ING?!
.....

SO STOP BUTTING IN!
ALL YOU DO IS YELL AT ME. IT'S MY LIFE!

IF YOU KEEP DRIFTING AROUND LIKE THIS, YOU'RE GOING TO RUIN YOUR FUTURE--
SO DON'T YOU DARE TELL ME NOTHING!!!
AND I KNOW YOU'RE NOT DOING ANY MAGIC TRAINING!

I WONDER...
THAT'S YOU, AIN'T IT?
.....

GRANNY...
EH? WHAT ARE YOU WATCHING?


IT'S BEEN A WHILE!
AH! THAT PICTURE--
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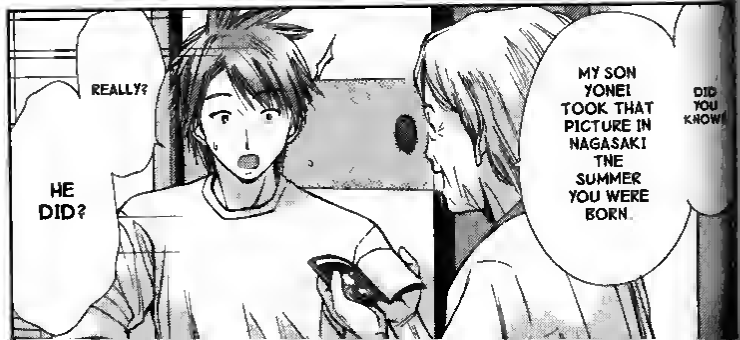
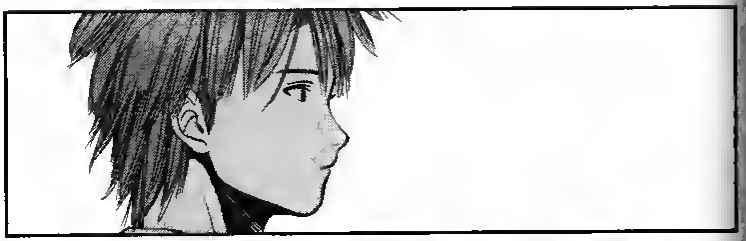

REALLY?
HE DID?
MY SON YONE! TOOK THAT PICTURE IN NAGASAKI THE SUMMER YOU WERE BORN.
DID YOU KNOW!

NAMI!!
PLEASE, STOP IT! BOTH OF YOU!
WHY YOU--

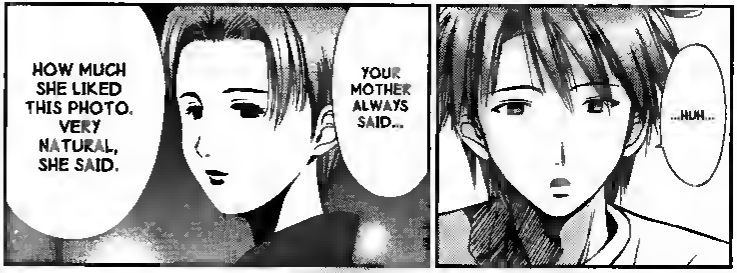
.....
NAMI...

HEY, THAT'S FUNNY!
HA HA HA



NOW LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE.
FINALLY...
AH WELL, TIME TO DO THE LAUNDRY...

AND JUST IN TIME FOR THE FESTIVAL. ALL THREE OF YOU...CAMERA IN HAND...
THEY CAME HERE SO I COULD SEE YOU.


HOW MUCH SHE LIKED THIS PHOTO. VERY NATURAL, SHE SAID.
YOUR MOTHER ALWAYS SAID...
...HUH...

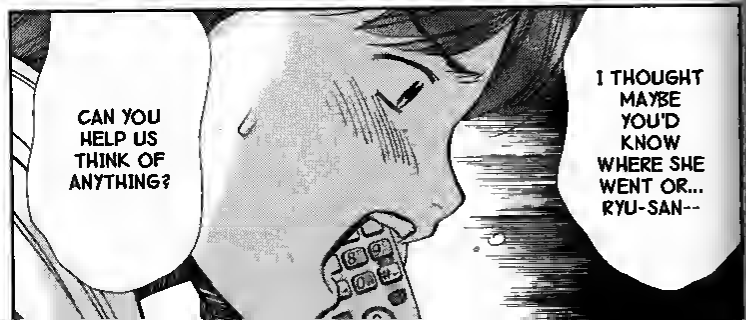
I'VE FINALLY MET SOMEONE WHO CAN ALWAYS MAKE ME SMILE...
I'M REALLY SO HAPPY...
THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID.

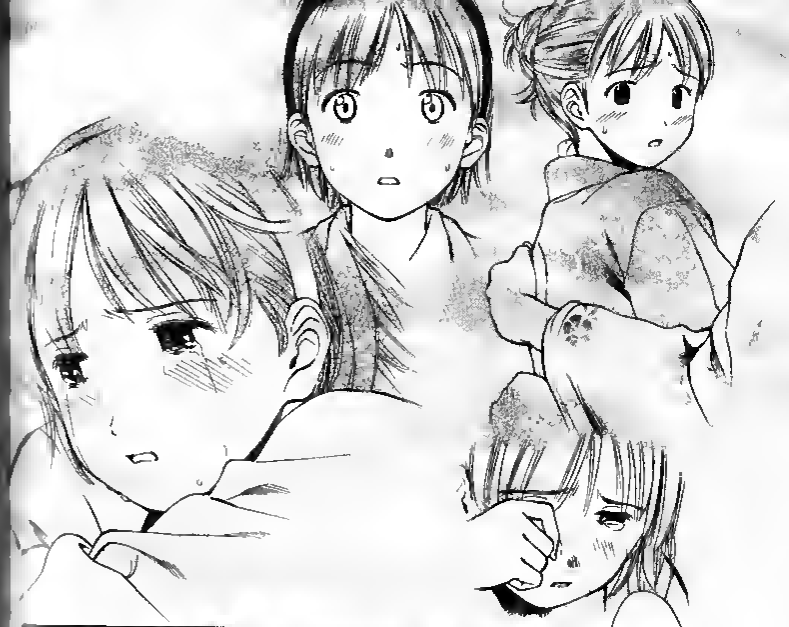
HUH?
IT'S HIDE! I'M SORRY BUT... IS MY SISTER OVER THERE?
AHH... RYU-SAN?!
HELLO?

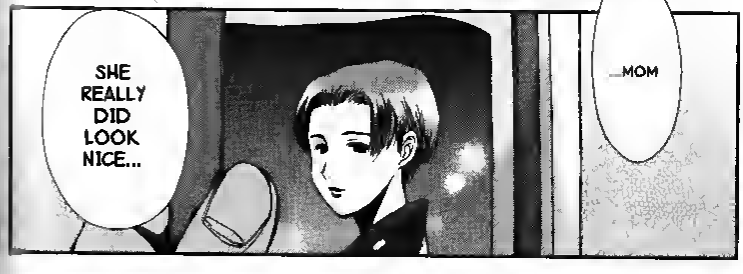
MY MOM AND I HAVE LOOKED EVERYWHERE, BUT THERE'S NO SIGN OF HER...

WAIT, WHAT DID YOU SAY--
?!
NO, YOUR SISTER ISN'T HERE BUT...

SHE RAN AWAY?!


CAN YOU HELP US THINK OF ANYTHING?
I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU'D KNOW WHERE SHE WENT OR... RYU-SAN--




SHE REALLY DID LOOK NICE...
...MOM

SOME SLEEP WOULD BE NICE, TOO.
BUT I GOTTA GET UP AT FOUR A.M. FOR WORK--
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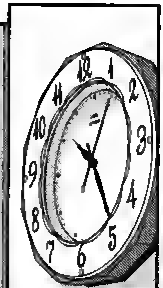

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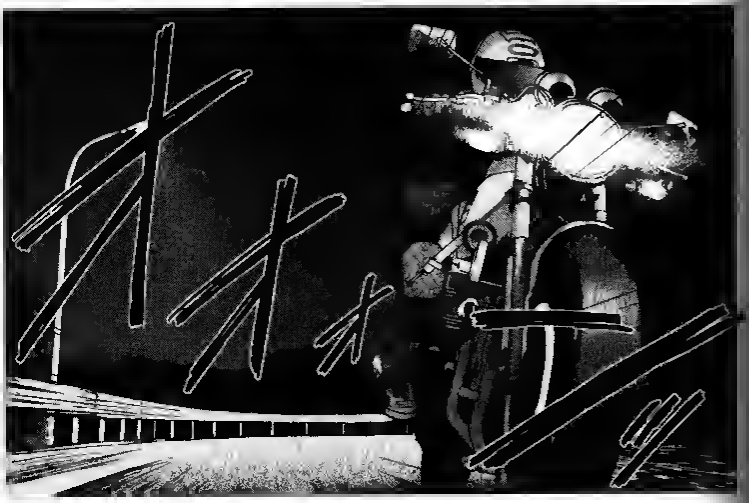


LOOK, I'M REALLY SORRY, BUT I GOTTA GO. I HAVE TO GET UP REAL EARLY TOMORROW.
SORRY, HIDE.
I JUST HAVE NO IDEA...
.....

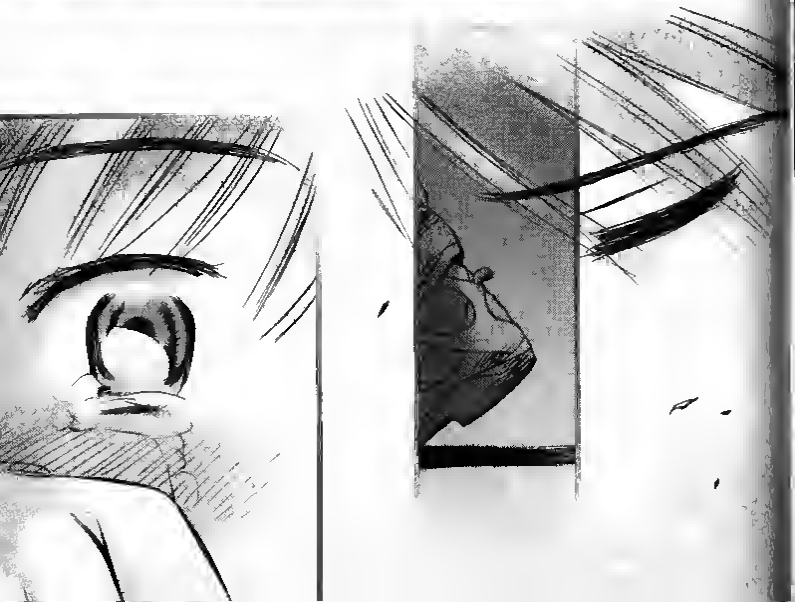
WHAT? WAIT... NO WAY... RYU--
I'LL TRY YOU LATER...

ばさっ!!

カチーッ

H-HAMAURA? WHY WOULD I--
HUH?
SHOULDN'T YOU BE WORRYING ABOUT KAYOKO?!
BECAUSE...
.....
YOU TWO ARE GOING OUT, AREN'T YOU?
I SAW BOTH OF YOU...
RIDING TOGETHER ON YOUR BIKE!
Huh?
AND HERE YOU ARE...
!!
Sob
Sob
NO! JUST STAY AWAY FROM ME!!!
JUST LET ME TAKE YOU HOME C'MON--
T-TOMINAGA KUN?! WHY ARE YOU...
LISTEN! HIDE'S REALLY WORRIED ABOUT YOU...
YOU ARE SO CRUEL
.....
WHY'D YOU COME LOOKING FOR ME ANYWAY?!
WHAT?

TOMINAGA-KUN...
TOMINAGA-KUN...
S o b
S o b



YEAH... A BIG ONE. IT HAPPENS EVERY YEAR AND GOES ALL NIGHT.
OHH! SO THAT'S WHY--
I'M SURPRISED KAYOKO DIDN'T TELL YOU!
WHAT IS SHE...

HAMAURA AND I...
--SHE THINKS THAT...

I'M FINE!
H-HEY! CAN I AT LEAST GIVE YOU A RIDE HOME?!

I'M REALLY...
...REALLY, SORRY

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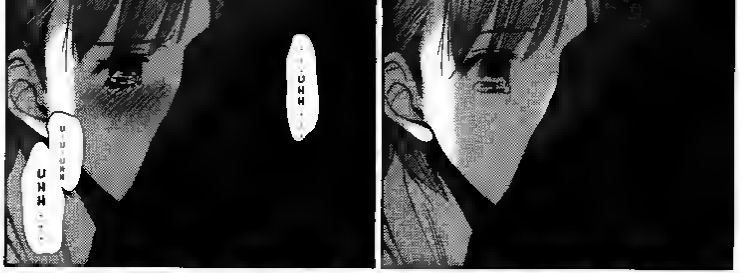

It's cold and heavy, like lead.
And I noticed nothing, as my mind slowly sank into darkness...
My face is buried...
...in his chest.
To be continued...